

Hartford Sister City Committee

April 17th, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Present: Allison Litten, Brett Mayfield, Joan Ponzoni, Gayle Ottmann, Skye Murray

Meeting Started at 5:20pm

Approval of minutes of last meeting was our first item of business.

We then had a lengthy discussion around continued ideas for the itinerary for our 4 guests from Cenon (and 1 from Morocco, our “cousin” city) who will visit Hartford from June 23rd to 27th, 2018. Joan will be the one to get them from Montreal and then will arrive here late on Saturday night. We spoke of ideas for Sunday, including lunch, time potentially at the Quechee antique market and a baseball game. We have plans pretty well set for Monday all day, including time in Quechee and Simon Pearce, a dinner at Lyman Point Park. We discussed ideas for Tuesday that include a variety of options for education, health, public works and tourism. Michelle is our contact for education, Skye for Health, Joan for Public Works, and Gayle offered to help with tourism interests. Gayle also shared that Rotary could host them for Lunch that Tuesday (the 26th). We discussed giving them time to be in White River Junction in the afternoon. We then decided on a smaller potluck dinner together at Joan’s house on Tuesday evening.

Brett offered to help coordinate the NYC part of their visit, with potential Coach down to NYC on Wed. and their flights leaving on Friday for France.

We await the Selectboard meeting on the 24th to solicit official donations. Allison will speak to Jameson about official letter from the town. We discussed the importance of reserving hotel rooms, and Gayle will work on that. We need 4 rooms for 4 nights. We affirmed the need to get items for the welcome baskets. Allison and Joan will arrange a time to call Laila (our contact in Cenon) to continue to be in communication with our guests.

We will meet on Tuesday May 8th, at 5:15. We will continue to firm up the schedule and details.

Meeting adjourned 6:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Skye Murray