

**Village of Hoffman Estates
Sister Cities Commission Minutes
September 17, 2025**

Members in Attendance

Lillian Mosier, Chair
Jill Wood-Naatz, Vice Chair
Marcia Frank
Anita Flanagan
Robin Jacobi
Melissa Marscin
Terri Lamberti
Diana Murray
Lisa Christie
Vanya Castle
Jeff Howard
Fanja Raoelijaona-Michel

Members Absent

Cindy Ruszay
Mimi Wise
David Chameli

Staff Liaison

Debbie Schoop

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lillian Mosier called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Robin Jacobi, seconded by Jill Wood-Naatz, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2025. Corrections:

- Sports should be moved up to runners.
- Under chair report, between the Village of Hoffman Estates and Angouleme, remove the “the”

Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Lillian spoke about the wonderful event that some members attended in celebration of Mayor Bill McLeod’s 45th anniversary at the Village. Lillian had written a special letter to the Mayor to honor him and thank him for supporting Sister Cities.

Lillian also reported Sister Cities was given a donation of \$800 and was approved to use it to purchase some items, including sheet pans, mixing bowls, silverware and some décor.

85 people were registered for French evening at this point.

5. STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

Deb reported that Ed Cook can’t attend French Evening, but mentioned the painting retails for about \$2,400.

Tourtlot reimbursement update: In August, the finance department mentioned to redo the bank transfer. Deb talked to Danielle about the status and it was unknown. Deb and Lillian will follow-up and report back in October.

6. CURRENT SUB-GROUP REPORTS

A. Signature Exchanges:

1) Culinary

Jill confirmed the dates are April 4-April 13, 2026 with Sylvain and they are in the process of purchasing plane tickets. Jill had an idea to ask Sylvain's director to also attend next October to celebrate our 30th anniversary.

2) Runners Exchange

List reported that the date of the race may have changed to March 28, 2026. In that case the exchange would be March 24-March 31st. She is trying to verify if the information is correct with Danielle. The meeting is set up for October 2nd.

B. Other Exchanges:

1) Sports

No report

2) Comic

Terri reported that Lincoln Elementary is excited and willing to do the presentation on March 26, 2026. However, we are still working on an artist. Terri will reach out to David and Danielle for suggestions at her October 2nd meeting.

C. Special Projects:

Marcia Frank reported that she and Lillian met with Susie Whipple to discuss the upcoming Wine and War event that will take place November 14, 2025 from 6:30-9:30pm. The four different wines have been selected for the event. Lillian went over the agenda for the evening.

Suggestion was made to add to the invite that attendees must be 21 or older to attend.

D. French Dinner Evening:

Lillian reported the layout has been finalized. There is a need for a large cooler and the cost was too high to rent so Catering Made Simple offered to lend one and arrangements are being made with the Village to bring it the Tues/Wed before the event.

There are 4 servers for the event. Baskets and gift cards are going great. The Commission will assemble baskets on October 15th at 2pm at Village Hall.

7. OTHER

No report

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Terri Lamberti, seconded by Anita Flanagan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.
Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Marscin