

**Village of Hoffman Estates  
Sister City Commission Minutes  
January 22, 2025**

**Members in Attendance**

Lillian Mosier, Chair  
Vanya Castle  
Anita Flanagan  
Jeff Howard  
Mimi Wise  
Terri Lamberti  
Lisa Christie  
Fanja Raoelijaona-Michel  
Diana Murray  
Marcia Frank  
Robin Jacobi  
Ken Campbell (via electronic attendance)  
Cindy Ruszay  
Melissa Marscin

**Members Absent**

Bob Dohn  
Jill Wood-Naatz, Vice Chair

**Staff Liaison**

Debbie Schoop

**Guests**

Pili Rios  
David Harding  
David Chameli

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lillian Mosier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Cindy Ruszay, seconded by Vanya Castle, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Lillian distributed flyers for "Chataeaux, Rivers & Wine," an 8-day Bordeaux river cruise for Commission members for July 5-12, 2026 and a visit to Angouleme July 12-15 or 16 2026. There will be a meeting at Cruises International on February 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm for those who may be interested.

David Chameli previewed his program "Aspects of Collecting" that he is presenting to Comic-Con in Angouleme. It was well received and we learned about the 5 ages of comics and the economical part of collecting comics.

**5. STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT**

**6. CURRENT SUB-GROUP REPORTS**

**A. Signature Exchanges**

**1) Culinary/Bon Appetit**

The date of the exchange is April 19-26 2025. Chef Sylvain's adult cooking class will be April 22 from 7pm to 8:30 pm. at Village Hall. Chef will make some pound cakes in advance for tasting and the students will take home the cakes they make.

The Bon Appetit is April 24 2025 at Bell Works. The Bon Appetit planning meeting will be next week at the Chamber. The pot luck get together will be April 25. "Feed My Starving Children" will possibly be on Monday, April 21st.

**2) Runners Exchange**

The runners exchange is April 1-7 2025 in Angouleme. We have two runners going to Angouleme, Jason Fong and Linda Higgs. They have already booked their flights. Lisa is working with Minuteman Press for men's and women's t-shirts.

Also, there are two sisters coming from Angouleme to run in the "Stars & Stripes" race held at Bell Works in June.

**B. Other Exchanges**

**1) Sports Exchange**

The soccer exchange is April 8-15, 2025. The Sustainability Commission of the Village will provide a presentation about how we can help respect our planet on Tuesday, April . Refreshments will follow in the afternoon. Soccer gifts include a scarf, headband, a bag that says "Just a girl who loves Soccer" a t-shirt and assorted pens.

**2) Comic Exchange**

The comic exchange to Angouleme is January 27 to February 2, 2025 in Angouleme. Landis, the artist is ready. David Chameli and his wife Kathy are staying in a AirBnB because nobody in France could host them.

Motion by Marcia Frank, seconded by Fanja Raoelijaona-Michel, to reimburse David Chameli \$500 toward their room. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

We should check at the Schaumburg and Elgin libraries to see if they hold a mini Comic-Con for next year.

**C. Special Projects**

The sub-group is planning the "Wine and War" presentation on November 14, 2025. There will be wine tastings and a lecture on wines, along with appetizers and desserts. Marcia and Robin already have some door prizes. Pricing hasn't been finalized. Advertising will be in the September and October *Citizen* newsletter.

**D. French Evening**

The French Evening will be held on October 24, 2025 at Village Hall. Lillian already bought gold and silver chargers for the event.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robin Jacobi, seconded by Marcia Frank, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mimi Wise

*The next meeting of the Sister Cities Commission will be 6:0 on February 19 in the Frank Alexa Room at the Village Hall*