

**Village of Hoffman Estates
Sister Cities Commission Minutes
Date February 19, 2025**

Members in Attendance

Lillian Mosier, Chair
Jill Wood-Naatz, Vice Chair
Robin Jacobi
Anita Flanagan
Jeff Howard
Mimi Wise
Terri Lamberti
Lisa Christie
Bob Dohn
Diana Murray
Marcia Frank
Cindy Ruzsay

Members Absent

Fanja Raoelijaona-Michel
Ken Campbell
Melissa Marcin
Vanya Castle

Staff Liaison

Debbie Schoop

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Lillian Mosier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Robin Jacobi, seconded by Marcia Frank, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Lillian shared that Sylvain and Angelique had a baby girl Louise. Pictures were shared of the baby.

Robin, Marcia and Lillian have been working to clean and organize the storage room at the Village Hall.

5. STAFF LIAISON'S REPORT

No report.

6. CURRENT SUB-GROUP REPORTS

A. Signature Exchanges

1) Culinary/Bon Appétit

The date of the exchange is April 19-26, 2025. The Itinerary is in place. Chef Sylvain's cooking class will be on April 22, 2025, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Village Hall. Flyer for the event is being revised. Sister Cities Commission will be donating a basket to the Bon Appetit event on April 24 at Bell Works. Lillian asked

who will attend from the Commission to help at the event. Farewell potluck will be held on April 25, 2025 at 6pm, at Jill Wood-Naatz's home. Sign up for potluck will be done at the next meeting.

2) Runners Exchange

The date of the exchange is April 1-7, 2025. Runners Jason Fong and Linda Higgs are going to Angouleme and have their flights and train reservations in place. Host families in Angouleme will be decided after a meeting on February 26, 2025 and then they will be notified.

The Stars and Stripes race will be held on June 28, 2025 at Bell Works. There are two sisters coming from Angouleme, France to run in the race. The date of the Exchange will be June 24 to July 1, 2025. Itinerary is being developed. The potluck will be held on June 28, 2025 at the Rogan's home. Details to follow. Information regarding the race will be placed in *The Citizen* in the May/June edition.

Motion by Lisa Christie, seconded by Jeff Howard, to order 12 T-shirts for runners at the cost of \$240. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. Other Exchanges

1) Sports

The date of the exchange is April 8-15, 2025. Host family meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday, February 25 at Village Hall. Itinerary is in place. A schedule was distributed to the Commission. Trip to downtown will be on Friday April 11. Lillian, Mimi and David will chaperone the event.

Motion by Bob Dohn, seconded by Jeff Howard, to give a \$50 tip to each bus driver to and from Hoffman Estates. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

A potluck will be held at The Prince of Peace Church, 930 W. Higgins, Schaumburg, on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 5 pm. A sign up was sent around.

2) Comic

Comic exchange to Angouleme was January 27-February 2, 2025. Landis attended the meeting via video, and David and Kathy Chameli in person shared their impressions and experiences going to the Comic Exchange in Angouleme. In general, they felt it was a great experience. They found going to a school and interacting with students and teachers rewarding among all their other experiences.

Planning for C2E2 has begun. Although we will not be hosting anyone from Angouleme this year, discussion has begun for 2026.

C. **Special Projects**

Plans are in progress for a presentation on Wine and War on Friday November 14, 2025 from 6-9 pm at the Village Hall. Wine sampling, appetizers and desserts will be included. A save the date flyer is being developed. Cost to be determined. A meeting with PRP International is planned. Lynn Brand will do the presentation. Further details to follow.

D. **French Evening**

The French Evening will be held on October 24, 2025 at The Village Hall. Jeff shared several options for a dinner menu and plans on how to present the meal were discussed. Jeff to research cost of meal and will bring back to the Commission at our next meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Robin Jacobi, seconded by Terri Lamberti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Flanagan

*The next meeting of the Sister Cities Commission will be
6:30pm on March 19, 2025 in the Frank Alexa Room at the Village Hall.*