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## Dayton Sister City Committee/Foundation - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 12, 5:30PM - Zoom

### 1. **General Welcome & Call to Order** – Call to order at 5:30pm.

The following members are in attendance: Arch Grieve, Ed Dixon, Kevin Lydy, Ryan Taylor, Uli Gaertner, Peggy Kelly, Vaughn Shannon, Jennifer Hanauer, Tony Ricciuto, Alexis Larsen, Emerie Lukas, Carolyn Rice, Merle Wilberding, Amelia Robinson, Lori Parks, Bonnie Kling, Monica Jones

The following Friends of the Committee are in attendance: Youssef Elzein, Laurel Kerr, Tasha Rountree

The following guests are in attendance: Haitham Tillawi, John Dabeet, Shelley Inglis

### 2. **November Meeting Minutes**

a) Kevin Lydy moved to approve the [November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#), Peggy Kelly seconded; the motion approved. Emerie Lukas abstained.

### 3. **Committee Reports - ([Unified Reports for January 2021 found here](#))**

a) **Budget** – Peggy Kelly will report on highlights from the 2020 financials: [Budget to Actual Spending](#) and [Income Statement by Fund](#). 9,200 difference in spent versus budgeted. Details can be found in attached reports.

i) Uli Gaertner moved and Emerie Lukas seconded approval of the Nov/Dec Financials; the motion approved.

ii) Presentation of [FY21 Budget Requests](#). Subcommittee chairs made budget request. Discuss largest request from Monrovia. Will vote next meeting on budget.

b) **Youth** – Tony Ricciuto - Looking forward towards 2022 for next visit. May start pen pal program.

c) **Augsburg** – Uli Gaertner and Ryan Taylor - Will inactive this year but plans to much more active in 2022.

d) **Oiso** – Kevin Lydy - Trying to move forward with student trip to Oiso in late July. One student will be awarded scholarship for visit.

e) **Monrovia** – Thomas Siafa - Not in attendance due to illness.

f) **Holon** – Carolyn Rice and Lori Simms Parks - Mayor of Holon invited us to participate in International Holocaust Memorial Day virtually on Zoom (January 27th). Will start having a monthly meeting with Holon with a different topic each month.

g) **Sarajevo** – Monica Jones - May be some opportunities in 2021 to have some virtual events with possible travel late in the year. Also, there is a new mayor in Sarajevo.

h) **Rushmoor** – Hunt Brown - Trying to bring Farmborough Director to 2021 Dayton Air Show.

i) **Events** – Amelia Robinson - Need to investigate if there is a way to have annual soiree. Maybe virtually.

j) **Marketing** – Bonnie Kling - May setup t-shirt pick up station.

k) **Scholarship Committee** - Peggy Kelly and Tony Ricciuto - Met Dec 14th and Jan 12th. Requested \$4,000 for scholarships.

l) **Strategic Planning** - Jennifer Hanauer - Taking on task of developing criteria for sister city relationships; current and future. Discussed different status besides sister city. Friends, Emeritus, etc..

### 4. **Old Business**



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- a) Pins for sister cities & t-shirts for members (updates). Bonnie received a quote and will follow up with vendors.
- b) Peggy Kelly moved and Vaughn Shannon seconded a motion to recommend that the Dayton City Commission enter into a sister city relationship with the city of Salfit, Palestine. ([Supporting docs found here](#)). Motion passed. Signature list of support of over 700 has been provided including local individuals as well from outside the city and country. Youssef Elzein and Haitham Tillawi provided an update on recent activity. Also, documented responses to a Q&A were provided. Group has offered to be zero cost to the community in the first year. John Dabeet also addressed the committee and is a sister city chair in Iowa.

## 5. New Business

- a) **Roster of candidates for executive committee**
- b) **Future Meeting Dates:** January 12, February 9, May 11, July 13, September 14, November 9
- c) **Other Items for the Good of the Order**

## 6. Adjournment

- a) Bonnie moved to adjourn, Peggy seconded; the motion approved.



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## Executive Committee Members

Chair: Arch Grieve

Vice Chair: Monica Jones

Secretary: Ed Dixon

Treasurer: Peggy Kelly

## Sub-Committee Chairs

Augsburg City Chair: Uli Gaertner & Ryan Taylor

Oiso City Chair: Kevin Lydy

Monrovia City Chair: Thomas Siafa, Sr.

Holon City Co-Chairs: Carolyn Rice & Lori Simms-Parks

Sarajevo City Chair: Monica Jones

Rushmoor Chair: Hunt Brown

Events Chair: Amelia Robinson

Marketing Chair: Bonnie Kling

Nominating Chair: Hunt Brown

Youth Coordinator: Tony Ricciuto

Strategic Planning: Jennifer Hanauer

## Ex-Officio Members

Commissioner Matt Joseph

Ariel Walker

## General Members

Alexis Larsen

Emerie Lukas

Simeon Oyeyemi

Vaughn Shannon

Ryan Taylor

Merle Wilberding

David Klass

## Friends and Associates of the Committee

India Brookshire

Bing Davis

Kelly Geers

Amanda Grieve

Brett Hill

Angie Hsu

Nickole Ross

Tasha Rountree

Youssef Elzein

Laurel Kerr

Serena Barker