

A Manitowoc International Relations Association (MIRA) meeting was held 5/30/2018 in the Council Chambers room at City Hall, 900 Quay Street Manitowoc, Wisconsin

In attendance were Cindy Kaesermann, Lori Denk, Kay Larson, Jim Larson, Scott McMeans and Dipika Kothari.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM by Cindy Kaesermann.

The 2018 SEP exchange has 5 students going to Kamogawa July 20-30, 2018. Booking of the flight and insurance have been completed. There was a meeting with the students and parents where a photo was taken of the students. Kelly Meyer will hold a subcommittee meeting in the near future. The hosting and matchup of students and families is still being finalized. There will be a second meeting with the students. A power point will show them Japanese etiquette, gifting and dress codes. Andy in Kamogawa is currently translating the student's names to Japanese for their business cards.

The adult delegation has 27 citizens going to Kamogawa October 17-25, 2018. A contract has been signed with Sunset Tours for the bus to take the delegation from Manitowoc to O'Hare airport on October 25 at approximately 6:30 AM. Participant names are being translated to Japanese for printing 20 business cards and some kind of name tag or badge to wear in Kamogawa. KIRA requested a list of any participants that are members of a Lions or Rotary club. Scott sent out an email request to the participants. The gift to the city of Kamogawa and KIRA will be a quilt depicting an eagle with wings spread with the sister cities names and 25th anniversary dates printed on it. Cindy is looking into ordering a gift for KIRA members.

The next MIRA meeting will be after the itinerary is set. KIRA is sending the itinerary in July.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM