

MANITOWOC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MARCH 9, 2020 IN THE 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
OF CITY HALL, 900 QUAY STREET, MANITOWOC, WI

IN ATTENDANCE: Tina Prigge, Lori Denk, Kelly Meyer, April Meyer, Kay Larson, & Bob LeClair

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 PM by Tina Prigge, MIRA President

The summer event will be geared toward being a MIRA reunion. Invitations will be sent to those who were involved in any way in the past (SEP hosts, students, adult trip participants, penpal program teachers & students etc) and anyone who has expressed interest in MIRA. A list was generated a few years back. The list will be reviewed and updated.

It will also be a fundraiser. Discussed were how to charge—a donation per person or per family may be collected. Raffle baskets may be another way to raise funds at the event. The event will include snack food , water & soda.

The best time is a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in late July or early August. Venues were discussed with the best being Lincoln Park or Silver Creek Park that have indoor and outdoor space, and availability to bring in food. Tina will send an email to Mayor Nickels to have him look into what dates those venues would be available. A budget needs to be figured out for what will be spent. As planning progresses, point people will be in charge of certain tasks.

Activities were discussed such as taiko drumming, sake tasting, origami, jonken (rock paper scissors), Japanese games, mikoshi display, kimono dressing, drawing, fans or sumo. Activities for both kids and adults will be planned and at certain times of the event.

Besides the summer event, MIRA should be promoted to Manitowoc . It is being looked into to have a table a few times this summer at the Manitowoc farmer's market and a booth in the Merchant's building at the Manitowoc County Fair. Brochures should be printed showing the history of MIRA's beginning and what MIRA currently does in the community along with photos. These brochures can be handed out or available.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:05 PM. The next MIRA meeting will be Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Manitowoc City Hall