

MANITOWOC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION
MEETING VIA ZOOM OCTOBER 6, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE: MIRA President Tina Prigge, Lori Denk, Cindy Kaesermann, Kelly Meyer, Perk Foster & Debbie Gainey

ZOOM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 PM.

2021 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM: Tina has been in contact with Kamogawa who reported that they will not be sending a student delegation in 2021. They would welcome Manitowoc students if we are interested. Currently they have foreign travel restrictions including a 2 week quarantine upon entry to Japan. Due to the fact that we won't know how travel will be in summer and won't know if there will be interest, along with the travel complications due to the Tokyo Olympics we made the decision not to send students to Kamogawa in 2021.

ADULT DELEGATION: The idea was to send a small adult delegation to Kamogawa in late 2021 to keep up the sister-city relationship in between the years that we send and welcome large delegations. There is interest from MIRA but no decision can be made at this time due to the unknown of the travel situation in 2021. We will revisit this at a future MIRA meeting.

2020-2021 PEN PAL EXCHANGE: Due to the classes not being in-person, Tina suggested having the pen pal letters be via email. The students all have Chrome Books. Tina will reach out to some teachers in the Manitowoc school district.

2020-2021 ART EXCHANGE: The Rahr-West museum is currently open and would welcome art from Kamogawa. In the past the Mayor's office took charge of gathering and mailing the art.

2020 LAKESHORE HOLIDAY PARADE ENTRY: MIRA is registered as an entry and as of now Manitowoc is still holding the parade. Scott McMeans arranged for a truck and we have possible items to use for the float such as the mikoshi, globe and dragon. Someone is needed to coordinate getting volunteers to help decorate and walk in the parade. Last year Kelly used the MIRA email list to get volunteers.

Tina will communicate these discussed items to KIRA.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM