



Our Vision

Red Wing thrives as a vibrant, creative river town that values its natural environment, welcomes all people, and unlocks opportunity for everyone.

Our Mission

We strive to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home.

Meeting Announcement and Agenda Sister Cities Commission Workshop Community Development Building, 419 Bush Street, Red Wing, MN Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 5:15 PM

1. Roll Call

2. Public Comment

This period is reserved for public comment on matters not on the agenda. If a public comment is desired on an agenda item, please inform the presiding office (Chair) or Executive Director before the meeting begins. Otherwise, be prepared to promptly seek recognition when the agenda item is considered.

3. Workshop Items

3.A. City Sister Gifts Discussion - Robin Wipperling, GCHS Executive Director, will be attending

- Need to remove and package from City Administrator's office, who can help and when (short-term plan)
- Thoughts on how and where to display these more often for the community to see (long-term plan)
- Possible assistance from Goodhue County Historical Society - They did original "packaging" for storage in 2019 so we have boxes for items. Some may need some additional wrapping or bubble wrap.

3.B. April Finance Report - Lisa

3.C. Ikata Student Exchange Committee Report and Discussion - Tammy/Renee

- Students that will be coming, are there housing needs outside our RW students?
- Dates of Exchange
- Welcome Dinner plans
- Status or updates on schedule, and what do you need help with?
- Airline ticket purchase once dates are finalized
- Upcoming or recent training, get-togethers with students, etc?
- Students to attend May meeting for introduction

3.D. YAAS Committee Report - Tao

- Were students contacted regarding the contest and participation award?
- Plan for distributing the participation award

3.E. Adult Delegation/Friendship Exchange Committee Discussion - ??

Interest has been expressed by commission members in accepting this invitation. However, we seem to lack a committee that has the time to work on putting this together and this needs to be driven by commission members and not staff. Due to the short window we have to pull this together and limited committee/commission members, I do not believe we can get this together in time for a fall visit to Quzhou, China. However, we can discuss and if there are commission members who are going to take this project and work on it, then we can reconsider.

- Initial thoughts were flight would be roughly \$2200 (Mnpls to Detroit to Shanghi), cost is borne by those that choose to participate
- Recruit from the community depending on the type of delegation (business/education/friendship, Mayor's delegation) - may include SE Tech, Anderson Center, Commission members, Community members, Red Wing Shoe. Typical delegation is 10-15 people but could be 4-5 people as well.
- It appears we have not sent an official delegation to Quzhou since 2004. We have sent artists through the Anderson Center.
- Visa timeline-research was provided at March meeting on length of time and cost
- 3-4 Days on host city typical (Quzhou would pick up at airport and bring to Quzhou, provide meals and lodging typically per Tao).
- Late September/early October timeframe
- Work with travel agent to put together a longer stay for "group" or just focus on the trip to Quzhou and back and any time before or after would be on the individual to coordinate.
- How do you handle airline tickets for this group?

4. Adjournment

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