

July Sister City Meeting Minutes August 10, 2022

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Present: Lars Pedersen, Angie Wean, Eileen Bergeson, Keiko Pedersen, Marie Boisvert (phone), Erin Harnish, Francis Hearn, Bill & Kandy Lewis

Prior minutes approved by Erin motion, Lars second, passed as approved.

Motion to approve new meeting date: motion, seconded, and approved, Second Wednesday of each month at 6 PM in the City Hall Small Conference Room

Eileen report on Squirrel bridge. She met Tasha Allen (sp?) about the fabrication of the bridge, feels really good about it. Tasha needs by September the art/text so she can start to cut it out. Eileen ideas "Sister Cities Bridging Cultures", discussion about ideas of vertical or horizontal. There will be panels on the bridge, with one side panel having LCC featured and the other Atomi. Idea of hanging sign below with text (which shows the same on both obverse and reverse signs).

Squirreelfest discussion: Do we have enough people? Frances has a couple of Japanese students that can help her. Mapping out of time brackets to see if we can fill a day. Activities suggested for time after students leave, such as Erin's suggested hiragana-in-a-bowl matching game. Erin notes the Literacy booth will be open until 5 PM for comparison. Discussion of when the booths actually close and if we could/need to close early. Erin noted we might get a place near the kids area, which may close earlier. More discussion of where the backdrops and furoshiki may be. Eileen can commit some time. There are essentially four people plus the student volunteers, which it a big stretch past 2:30 PM when the last student leaves. Lars and Keiko say they can be there at the end (5 PM) to take everything down (canopy, et al). Keiko has idea of origami done by the students as another activity. Masami Kusakabe, a student, is good with showing off decorative cards / card making. Question about if we have a table? Lars and Keiko will bring two four foot folding tables and camping chairs. Assuming we cannot find the backdrops, Lars and Keiko will buy and bring backdrops.

Also, Nippon Dynawave: Brian Wood of Dynawave would like to attend our meeting. Frances is in contact with him about schedule changes and plans to have Brian here at the Sept. 14 meeting. Also, he would like to have a few members visit Dynawave.

Ian at School Gardens: Frances says there's several weeks throughout the year that food garden events are held. Ian would like to involve miso making into these events to offer both cultural and agricultural exposure. Frances will confirm details (and possibility of needing food handler cards). Does it involve going to each school over many visits, or other? Frances would like to invite Ian to our meeting.