

Sister City Meeting Minutes June 14, 2023

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Present: Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen, Kandi & Bill Lewis, Chris Bailey (guest), Russ Brewer (guest), Francis Hearn, Angie Wean,

Minutes of May meeting, approved as written. Motion by Lars, second by Angie.

Keiko started a Zoom meeting with Koei Science about a next event after the miso making success, perhaps with fruit vinegar. They sent informative materials which Keiko distributed. Everyone was pleased with the miso workshop, and needed items for fruit vinegar were discussed. The Zoom session completed after 25 minutes.

Squirrel bridge progress continues as they look for a way to strengthen the two parts of the bridge. They are confident it will be ready by summer. We expect a Wako delegation during our dedication of the bridge with the mayor and a delegation. We expect to find out how many adults will attend and whether students will attend.

Angie reported on how we can act upon or modify bylaws to make certain we can replace absent members. Russ has applied and Angie will look into expedite.

Frances reported that the Nippon Dynawave tour was very good, and the school gardens most recent event was very well received (miso soup making).

Keiko reported on her and Chris' trip to Japan in May. They visited each school in our program as well as a new, different school located about 25 min train ride in a city called Kawagoe. Much interest was shown and presentations were made by students reflected on their visits here.