

Sister City Meeting Minutes Nov 8, 2023

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Present: Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen, Lucy Alejandro, Kaden Seltzer (sp?), Kandy Lewis (phone), Francis Hearn (phone)

Mark Morris International Club representatives Kaden S (sp?) and Lucy Alejandro attend. Kaden hosted two Wako Kokusai students last visit.

Membership review tabled until Angie Wean is present. Bylaws to be reviewed. Judi Smith and Russ Brewer have applied and are pending approval. P.J. Peterson also expressed an interest to apply.

Debrief of Wako visit including reception and guest impressions. Home visits were great on both sides, and the two student school visits went very well, also. Chris Bailey's effort in the squirrel bridge as well as all LCC help was invaluable, and we need to make a special thank you to Chris.

Discussion of Longview's trip to Wako in Fall 2024, much interest in hosts for the Atomi program and thought of visiting high school students. We first need to learn from Wako when the time frame is for this visit. Expecting mid-October again.

Zoom Exchange: Eileen has worked with St. Helens Elementary principal to set up a Zoom exchange of 5th graders at 3:30 PM on Nov. 16. Stephanie Teel, principal. Lars will attend to help and will contact Principal Teel.