

Sister City Meeting Minutes Jan. 10, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Present: Lars Pedersen (phone), Keiko Pedersen, Eileen Bergeson, Erin Harnish, Judi Smith, Kandy Lewis, Lucy Alejandro (phone), Angie Wean (phone), Russ Brewer, Alyssa Brewer

Eileen reports that city hall staff hours are changing, and we may need to change our meeting time to an earlier one such as 5:15 PM. Alternatively, a change of location will be explored with LCC as a suggestion. Keiko will check with LCC. A call-in option remains a concern. We will try meeting earlier in the day and see how it goes.

Minutes of Dec. 13 meeting approved as amended after discussion by unanimous vote. December minutes were very terse.

New officers: Chair, vice-chair and secretary positions discussed. Eileen may look to step down but mentor a new chair in replacement. Judi nominated Russ as vice-chair and chair-in-training, and we discussed. Passed by unanimous vote. Angie nominated Lars as secretary. Passed by unanimous vote.

Bylaws: Angie will produced a finished draft of bylaw revisions for our reference so the commission can vote on them next meeting. Jan 19 is the date Angie would like to have change feedback provided by.

Exchanges: Atomi University Feb 18 visit to LCC on track with nine students. Soon after will follow Wako Kokusai on Mar 15-10 with ten students with Mark Morris, coordinated by Alyssa Brewer. Keiko reports a new president at LCC and an outgoing program director at LCC International Programs, she won't be available to coordinated Wako Kokusai. Angie will inquire whether we can pay Alyssa for her time. Erin made this a motion, that Alyssa will coordinate, and the vote was unanimous in passing. Judi also expressed an interest in helping out.

Plans for preparing for emergency drills during the student visits was discussed as brought up as a concern by Lucy. This also informs whether having students visit Mark Morris and RA Long or Kelso.

We expect more detailed word after the Apr 1 Japanese year change .

Next meeting will start at 5:15 PM as discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.