

Sister City Meeting Minutes Sept. 11, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:15 PM, **Roll Call, Present:** Lars Pedersen, Angie Wean, Judi Smith, Eileen Bergeson, Keiko Pedersen, Steve Moon (phone), Kandi Lewis (phone)

Absent: PJ Peterson (excused), Frances Hearn (excused), Russ Brewer (excused)

Squirrel Fest: Steve reported that the event went well, and the origami activity has popular. Keiko and Lars have the canopy stored at their home after the event. Lots of kids visited, and there was much interaction with visitors. Keiko could perceive more developing interest.

2024 Longview Delegation to Japan: Final participation is being finalized, with PJ Peterson, Kathleen Lappe and her son as delegates. This has been confirmed and communicated to Wako for their preparation. Keiko has received a Japanese language version of the detail plan for the visit and will translate and distribute it. Judi Smith has some interest in going, so Keiko will contact Wako about a fourth host family possibility. Aiming for November 2 as an arriving / gathering date.

LCC Recruitment Trip: Keiko and the LCC president will visit Wako/Atomi/et all to re-up the signing of a new MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). LCC will thank and express gratitude to the commission for their involvement and support, but LCC will act as its own agent. Their trip will conclude just as the citizens delegation arrives.

New Business: Judi is a member of Friendship Force and would like clarity of how they can correctly interact with our commission vis a vis bylaws and such. Angie will provide her with assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. Next Meeting: Oct. 9, 2024, at 5:15 PM