

Sister City Meeting Minutes June 12, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:15 PM, Roll Call, Present: Lars Pedersen, Russ Brewer, PJ Peterson, Frances Hearn, Eileen Bergeson, Keiko Pederson, Kandi Lewis (phone), Angie Wean, Lucy Alejandro (phone), Judi Smith (phone), Steve Moon (phone),

Absent: Erin Harnish

Meeting minutes from May meeting approved by unanimous vote.

International Festival recap: Frances reports a lot of engagement at our booth with Japanese candy, fish windsocks, and Japanese name writing by LCC Japanese students. A few people showed interest in the commission. Further display of pamphlets in city hall is a good idea.

2024 Japan Delegation: Aiming for September 2nd start. There are Atomi hosts who are very interested in joining. Determining the cost of means of purchase of plane tickets will be very important. Keiko spoke with Nami Serizawa in Wako about whether the Wako people will host for the whole time or just a few days. Hotel accommodation will more than likely be needed for some of the visit days. Wako hosts are limited to hosting one person due to space limitations. Hotel and airfare being bought by group or individually needs to be determined.

Friends of Longview Library fundraising update: Russ reports they will attend our meeting and discuss how they can help facilitate fundraising. Looking forward to them on July 12.

Support for International Club Fundraising and Trip to Japan: There are a number of students, about ten, who are genuinely interested in a trip to Wako. Russ and Lucy had discussion about fundraising and chaperone duties. Learning how Kelso's International Club operates could be helpful. Russ has a contact and will reach out. Students from here would like to be able to tour Wako and ideally have an experience similar to when we host Wako students.

Website Update: Russ has a page of great ideas to add. However, the city website is very limited in its structure, so putting information in linkable PDFs, or to Facebook, rather than trying to modify the website.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next Meeting: July 10, 2024, at 5:15 PM