

Sister City Meeting Minutes March 13, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:00 PM, Roll Call:

Present: Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen, Eileen Bergeson, Judi Smith, Russ Brewer, Alyssa Brewer, Steve Moon (phone), Kandi Lewis (phone), Erin Harnish (phone), Lucy Allejandro (phone), Keith Young, Frances Hearn **Absent:** PJ Peterson (absent)

Meeting minutes from February meeting approved by unanimous vote.

Wako Kokusai High School student visit: Schedule produced, discussion of driving availability, especially if we cannot get a van from the city/school/parks. Steve can drive up to six, Judi can take three, although Steve may have unplanned work changes that may conflict. Eileen can drive three. Alyssa may borrow a Chevy Traverse from family.

Plenty of activities are on the schedule such as city hall and fire station tours, Squirrel Bridge tours, etc., a tea ceremony, etc.

Budget limitations: We would like to advocate for a line item in a coming budget to have some funds. Keith recommends a presentation to city council. The budget timing is in the next few months.

City Attorney Fundraising Consultation: Russ spoke with counsel to determine the mechanism. The Longview Library Foundation (Friends Of) may be an avenue to facilitate this. There is already a book-exchange relationship between Wako and Longview city libraries.

Progress on History of Commission We now have access to the city's SharePoint site where we can make efforts to assemble the history to go on the website. Contacting the new PIO for fresh PR was suggested by Keith.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, at 5:15 PM