

Sister City Meeting Minutes Feb. 14, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:15 PM, Roll Call:

Present: Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen (phone), Eileen Bergeson, Erin Harnish, Kandy Lewis, Angie Wean, Russ Brewer,

Absent: PJ Peterson (absent, excused), Judi Smith (absent, excused), Steve Moon (unexcused)

Guests: Alyssa Brewer, Mark Bergeson, Bill Lewis

Meeting minutes from Jan meeting approved by unanimous vote.

High school host family info and recruitment: Lucy Alejandro needs more information as little was left by Travis, her predecessor. A pamphlet for either/both recruitment as well as an onboarding info packet for families lined up. Resources for background check checklists, application forms for families, etc. are needed. Keiko and Russ will collaborate via Canva regarding the pamphlet. Centralizing info and documents in the city's OneDrive account for use, and Angie will carve out a space for the commission to use.

Travis Reuther will be contacted for an upcoming hand-off meeting.

City attorney discussion regarding legal considerations of fund raising. Angie touched base.

The website for the commission on the mylongview.com site needs updating of info and adding of images. Angie will contact IT et al about how we might get access.

History of the commission: More documentation of visits is desired, as there is a lack of detailed history about the most recent ten years. Also, Longview's visits to Wako need better documentation. Eileen has source documents that Russ will begin to compose this info and distribute by email in the next few days.

LCC Atomi Student Reception coordination: Keiko will check with Mo about a city hall visit, Feb 21 from 1 PM, planned. Once decided, it would be nice to have commission members attend the city hall visit. Mark Bergeson (guest) raised the question of how supportive the new LCC president will be. A meeting with President Seimears with several commission members ought to be arranged once his schedule.

St. Helens Elementary Student Video Chat: Next session will be in November, so we await word from Wako.

International festival planning discussion—interest in having a booth, with power to run projector etc. A water brush based calligraphy activity is a suggested idea (impermanent, non-ink). Squirrelfest participation interest remains in question.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 5:15 PM