

Sister City Meeting Minutes Nov. 13, 2024

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Call to Order 5:15 PM, Roll Call, Present: Lars Pedersen, Keiko Pedersen, Frances Hearn, Angie Wean, Kandi Lewis (phone), PJ Peterson, Eileen Bergeson, Steven Moon **Not present:** Russ Brewer (excused), Eileen Bergeson (excused), Erin Harnish (excused)

Previous meeting minutes approved unanimously.

2024 Longview Delegation Trip remarks: PJ reported on a wonderful trip full of hospitality, sightseeing, school visits, and other facility visits. A tea ceremony, a trip to an orange grove, and an old style traditional house visit were among, but not at all limited to, highlights. Judi Smith and Kathleen Lappe also attended but were not present at the meeting to report. Keiko read a note from Kathleen that much echoed PJ's visits. Wako itself was much more enjoyable than Tokyo/metro visits.

LCC- Atomi Program, Wako Kokusai program: Winter will see nine students and one chaperone this time. They are keen to buy tickets as soon as they can, so Keiko will get Longview School District in contact with Wako in order to try and finalize planning. We need to identify who on that side will be our point of contact.

P.E.O. and Eileen: Eileen gave an overview of how the sister city relationship developed to a number of present people and several more on Zoom from P.E.O.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM. Next Meeting: Dec 11, 2024, at 5:15 PM