

July Sister City Meeting Minutes September 14, 2022

City Hall, Small Conference Room

Present: Lars Pedersen, Eileen Bergeson, Frances Hearn, Angie Wean, Kandy Lewis, Erin Harnish (phone)

Guests: Ian Thompson (Lower Columbia School Gardens), Bill Lewis

Call to Order, Roll Call, Minutes approved by motion (Angie), seconded by Lars

Report on SquirrelFest: Frances: It went wonderfully with lots of engagement by the public and highly driven by the Japanese students' participation. Next year, Kandy suggests we sign up early enough to avoid higher fees. The Lewis' scrapbook should be better presented, and we needed to have more hand-out material (there was large demand). Kandy shall come up with a "go box" for future Fests (main things used to put on our Fest booth)

Eileen report of Squirrel Bridge: Not much new to report, Eileen will contact Tasha at LCC now that school is in session. Keiko must get approval from Atomi to use their logo.

Dynawave tour: Mr. Brian Wood was not present, so we spoke of choosing 5-8 people to attend a tour of the mill.

Ian Thompson, Lower Columbia School Gardens: Ian gave us the history of how he began with the program.

Potential dates for Miso Project with middle school garden clubs, aiming for participation at all five middle schools.

Offerings can be red and white miso soup as well as miso to dip veggies into, a common way to snack in Japan.

Scheduling can be made by looking at the calendar at lowercolumbiaschoolgardens.org. Wednesday is best avoided due to the splitting up the clubs on that day. We will need ingredients, primarily red and white miso paste, using veggies from the garden to dip.