

## Sister City Meeting Minutes January 14, 2026

City Hall, Small Conference Room

**Call to Order** 5:15 PM, **Roll Call, Present:** Russ Brewer, Lars Pedersen (phone), Keiko Pedersen, Keith Young, Judi Smith, Terri Pierson, Steve Moon, **Excused:** PJ Peterson, Erin Harnish

New member introductions: Terri Pierson

December 10, 2025 minutes approved unanimously

**Wako Kokusai:** Keiko provided background and structure for our new members. Discussed the possibility of changing time of year to summer and related complications, need of coming up with programming for the students when they are not visiting a school. We will welcome eight students next visit. For host family recruitment, Keiko will work on a flyer that we can put a QR code on to link to our info and application.

**School Outreach – Video Pen-Pal Program:** A letter has gone out to teachers promoting participation in the program, focusing on 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

**Liaisons & Community Connections** Keith Young is our new liaison and we are thankful. Discussion about how support from local service clubs may be more engaged than the Chamber of Commerce.

**Officer election:** Russ Brewer was reappointed chair. Erin Harnish, pending her approval, shall be reappointed vice-chair. Lars Pedersen was reappointed secretary. All votes were unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Next meeting planned for February 14 at 5:15 PM.