

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2024

1. Call to Order – Cindy Petree called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Members Present: Cindy Petree, Judy Nelson, Jacie Gray, Matt Payne, Dale Durham, Linda Ely, Becky Irby, John Mills

Members Absent: Bob Burk
2. Introduction of Guests:
Christy Driskel, City of Stillwater Assistant City Manager
Mr. Phil Boyd, Jacie Gray's grandfather
Joyce Crawford, OSU
Nathan Horton, OSU
3. Approval of minutes – January 25, 2024
Judy Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Ely seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) OSU Global Studies – Jim Shideler
No report
 - b) CLIC, English Department, Oklahoma State University – Ho'omana (Nathan) Horton

Nathan Horton reported the CLIC program plans to proceed with the Japanese Teacher Program this summer, August 4 – 17. Homestays will be considered the second week of the program and CLIC would like to partner again with the Sister Cities Council. Mr. and Mrs. Asian is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2024 at the Student Union. Attendance is free and will be live streamed at Inside OSU.
 - c) OSU Japanese Student Association/Japanese Club – Jacie Gray

Jacie Gray reported their club will be hosting the first ever Japanese/English Speech Contest. They will speak in Japanese from written work in English. This will be held on April 2 from 5-8:30pm at the Student Union Starlight Terrace on the 4th floor. Only OSU students will be participating.

Jacie also reported that she will be participating in the Oral History Project of OK, May 27 – Aug. 1, 2024. She will be based in Kameoka and all interviews will take place in Japanese. Way to go Jacie!
 - d) Discussion, planning, and possible action regarding Sister Cities Council participation in the upcoming student exchange program between Stillwater Middle School and Kameoka, Japan.

Cindy Petree reported the Middle School received 30 student applications for student exchange consideration. 7 students will be selected. Interviews will take place on March 4. Interview panels will consist of Sister Cities Council members and school faculty/administration.

5. Council/staff announcements of items of interest to the Council.

Joyce Crawford requested a representative from the Council attend the OSU Staff Advisory Council meeting to present Sister Cities Council events/activities. The meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:15pm in 412 Student Union. Cindy Petree agreed to attend on behalf of the Sister Cities Council.

6. Adjourn- Becky Irby made a motion to adjourn. Matt Payne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm.