

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2024

At 5:00pm, the Stillwater Sister Cities Council hosted a potluck dinner for council members and other guests. This was a social event. No business was discussed or action taken at the event.

1. Call to Order

Cindy Petree called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

Members Absent: Bob Burk

2. Introduction of Guests

Becky Petree, Cindy Petree's sister from OKC.
Kari Quigley, Stillwater Middle School Student Exchange Coordinator

3. Approval of minutes – March 28, 2024

Matt Payne made a motion to approve the minutes. Judy Nelson seconded the motion. All votes yes.

4. Items for Discussion/Possible Action

- a) 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 OSU Japanese Club has been assisting the Stillwater Middle School exchange delegation with learning the Japanese language and culture as they prepare for their visit to Kameoka. Kari Quigley provided updates on preparations for the exchange visit to include a new sister school logo that has been adopted for the program and will be used on t-shirts, backpacks, letterhead and nametags. Donations to help with student travel expenses have been encouraged.

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

Jacie Gray, an Oklahoma State University student and student representative on the Sister Cities Council will be traveling to Kameoka for the summer to participate in a project to archive the history of the sister city relationship between Kameoka, Japan and Stillwater, OK. She will represent the United States at the World Festival which will be held at the Galleria in Kameoka. While in Kameoka, she will be writing for the International Times a publication produced in Kameoka.

6. Adjourn

Linda Ely made a motion to adjourn. Matt Payne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.