

Stillwater Sister Cities Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024

1. Call to Order

Cindy Petree called the meeting to order at 4pm.

Members present: Cindy Petree, Judy Nelson, Matt Payne, Jacie Gray, Ho'omana (Nathan) Horton, Dale Durham, John Mills, Becky Irby

Members absent: Linda Ely, Debbie Dawson, Bob Burke

2. Introduction of Guests: Hasata, Hayata and Isa Horton

3. Approval of minutes April 30 and May 23, 2024

Matt Payne made a motion to approve the minutes. John Mills seconded the motion. All votes yes.

4. Items for discussion/possible action

a. OSU Global Studies – Jim Shideler

This school year has set two new enrollment records: largest overall enrollment and largest freshman enrollment. The current enrollment of OSU international students and their respective countries is not yet available.

Tim Hough's successor, Lisa Walker, is the new director of the Students and Scholars Program.

Randy Kluver is the Associate Provost and Dean of OSU Global. (OSUG)

Discussion followed on the Center for Global Learning "Study Abroad" Program. The Study Abroad programs are for a semester, a full year or a week-long spring break experience for college credit. Scholarships and financial aid have generously been given for this program by Don and Kathy Humphries.

September 12, 2024 and November 13, 2024 are the dates of the Global Briefing Series at the Wes Watkins Center. Featured speakers are from Peru and Guatemala.

b. CLIC (Content Language Instruction Confluence) - Ho'omana (Nathan) Horton
English Department Oklahoma State University

This program, which successfully met the summer of 2023, seeks to provide training to Japanese teachers to help them to teach English language skills in Japan. CLIC has again been chosen to resume the program summer of 2025.

Nathan shared his vision for helping OSU international students, not only from Japan, but from all countries by involving the community of Stillwater in friendship and practical help.

c. OSU Japanese Student Association/Japanese Club – Jacie Gray

Jacie has spent the last two months in Kameoka conducting research at City Hall and facilitating the World Festival. Jacie shared the Mayor's support of Stillwater and his desire to continue school and citizen delegation exchanges. Jacie's months in Kameoka concluded with the Mayor offering her a job at Kameoka City Hall to facilitate relationships between our two cities. She will return to Kameoka in December to perform two concerts at the World Festival.

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

It was reported that almost \$2000 was made at the "Hot Dog" sale to help fund the seven SMS students' trip to Kameoka in October. Also, another \$1000 was donated from grant money contributed by a local agency.

6. Adjourn

Nathan Horton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Mills seconded the motion. All votes yes.

The next meeting will be September 26 at 5:00 pm. (New time!)