

Stillwater Sister Cities Council Minutes
April 24, 2025

Stillwater Community Center, Room 100
315 W. 8th
5:00pm

Members Present: Cindy Petree, Debbi Dawson left at 5:40pm, Jacie Gray, Becky Irby, John Mills, Bob Burk, Matt Payne, Judy Nelson

Not present: Linda Ely, Dale Durham, Nathan Horton

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

None

3. Approval of minutes –March 27, 2025

Motion to accept with corrections made by Debbie Dawson, seconded by Matt Payne. All votes yes.

4. Discussion/Possible Action

a) OSU Global Studies – Jim Shideler

None

b) CLIC, English Department, Oklahoma State University – Ho’omana (Nathan) Horton

None

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

Jacie Gray announced Charlotte Talafuse is the new Japanese Language Club President. Charlotte is an OSU Aviation Major. Jacie passed out invitations to her OSU graduation party on May 8 in the Kameoka Room at the Stillwater Community Center from 5-7pm. She has agreed to provide a short synopsis of her oral research project at the party and will also provide a copy of her research presentation poster for permanent display in the Kameoka Room.

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 announced that 37 Stillwater Middle School student applications were received for consideration for the student exchange delegation traveling to Kameoka during the Fall semester, October 11-19, 2025. 4 girls and 3 boys were selected to represent Stillwater Middle School. Two teachers selected are Band teacher, Katy

Genervro and Computer Technology teacher, Matt Elliott. A Booster Club has been formed to support the Sister School Program. Cindy Petree encouraged Council members to join. Matt Payne reported on the fundraising success from parking fees collected from the Boys from OK event. The SMC Foundation President has offered the lot for future fundraising opportunities. Dates to be determined.

e) Discussion, planning, and possible action regarding the Stillwater Sister Cities 40th anniversary between Stillwater, OK and Kameoka, Japan.

A committee of Cindy Petree, Becky Irby, Matthew Payne, Debbie Dawson and Nathan Horton were formed to work on the 40th anniversary ideas under consideration for the Stillwater celebration.

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

None

6. Adjourn

Motion by Matthew Payne, seconded by John Mills. All votes yes. Meeting adjourned at 6pm.