

Stillwater Sister Cities Council Minutes
August 28, 2025

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

Members Present: Judy Nelson, Dale Durham, Bob Burk, Linda Ely, Cindy Petree, Matt Payne,
5:09pm

Not present: Debbie Dawson, Becky Irby, John Mills, Nathan Horton

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

None

3. Approval of minutes –April 24, 2025

Motion to accept with corrections made by Matt Payne, seconded by Bob Burk. 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

None

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 encouraged Council members to join the Middle School Student Exchange Booster Club. They are currently looking for volunteers to help chaperone a Middle School Dance. Proceeds from the dance will help support the Stillwater Middle School Exchange program. The Middle School Exchange students will travel to Kameoka, Japan October 11 – 19, 2025.

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

The Stillwater Mayor, City Manager and former Sister Cities Council Chair, Larry Jones will travel to Kameoka September 30 – Oct. 4 to celebrate the Sister Cities 40th Anniversary and the City of Kameoka 70th anniversary. Many local celebration ideas were discussed. A proclamation will be presented at the Stillwater Council meeting on November 3, 2025 at 5:30pm. Other ideas included contacting local businesses to include on their digital boards; OSU Global Studies; OSU Presidents office, Stillwater School Superintendent, Display City and Kameoka Flag, Banners.

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

None

6. Adjourn

Motion by Linda Ely, seconded by Matt Payne. All votes yes. Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.