

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL
October 27, 2022

Present: Dale Durham, Becky Irby, Judy Nelson, Bob Burk, Cindy Petree, Linda Ely

Absent: Yuki Clark, John Mills

1. Call to Order

Cindy Petree called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

Tim Huff, OSU, Director International Students & Scholars

Jacie Gray, OSU Japanese Club President

Joyce Crawford, OSU, Coordinator of Asian American Affairs

3. Approval of Minutes

Bob Burk made a motion to approve the September 15, 2022 minutes. Becky Irby seconded the motion. All votes yes.

4. Council Reports/Possible Action

a) Sister School Program

None

b) Office of International Students and Scholars

Tim Huff reported there are currently 1519 International students enrolled at OSU and is the largest enrollment since 2019. There are 8 students from Japan. Nov. 18 – Mr. and Mrs. International at the Student Union Little Theater, 2nd floor, 7pm, no admission. Tim will forward reservation details.

c) Japanese Student Organization

Item 5. A below

d) Kameoka Room

Cindy Petree asked Linda Ely to notify Council when displays need attention, cleaning or new donation are received.

5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action

a) Japanese Language Club cookout – October 6

Jacie Gray, JLC officer, reported the cookout was a huge success and thanked the Council for their support. Linda and Ray Ely, Judy Nelson and John Mills attended the cookout on behalf of the Council. Jacie presented the Council with a beautiful thank you card and picture of the students attending the cookout. Tim Huff mentioned 6-7 Nations were represented in the picture.

b) Zoom call with Sister City, Kameoka, Japan

Cindy Petree reported on the zoom call with Kameoka regarding the proposed Middle School Student/Teacher Exchange in the fall of 2023. Kameoka requested to send 10 students to Stillwater and alternate student exchanges every other year. The exchange would coincide with

an OSU exchange program and teachers from Kyoto Prefecture.

c) Holiday Potluck

The Council will host a Holiday Potluck on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 5:30pm for invited guests from OSU ISS, English Language Institute, OSU Japanese Student Association, OSU Japanese Language Club, Stillwater City Council, Administration and Sister Cities Council. A Big Band Concert is scheduled at 7pm following the potluck and invited guests are encouraged to attend the concert.

6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council.

None

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings.

Stillwater High School Student Exchange Event

Ordinance Review

8. Adjourn

Bob Burk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Nelson seconded the motion. All votes yes.