

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL
March 23, 2023

Present: Cindy Petree, Judy Nelson, Linda Ely, John Mills, Dale Durham, Yuki Clark arrived at 5:35pm.

Absent: Bob Burk, Becky Irby

1. Call to Order

Cindy Petree called the meeting to order. Quorum present at 5:35pm.

2. Introduction of Guests

Suzu Piccolo and Natalie Collins, OSU, Japanese Student Association

Matt Payne

Tim Huff – OSU, Director International Students & Scholars

3. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023

Yuki Clark made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Ely seconded the motion. All votes yes.

4. Council Reports/Possible Action

a) Sister School Program/Middle School Exchange

Cindy Petree reported 7 students (one from each Junior High in Kameoka) and 3 teachers will participate in the student/teacher exchange this fall. Tentative dates proposed Oct. 27 – Nov. 4. Cindy discussed possible activities and Sister Cities Council involvement.

b) Office of International Students and Scholars

Tim Huff reported 10 students from Kansai Gaidai arrived March 20 to OSU ELI and will utilize the summer session to fulfill a full semester of coursework. The timing of the summer session aligns with the traditional school schedule in Japan.

Cultural Night is scheduled for April 8 at the Seretean Center at 7pm. The theme for the program is “Festivals of the World.” Tickets are \$10.

c) Japanese Student Organization

No report

d) Kameoka Room

No report

5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action

a) Sukiyaki Dinner/Potluck – April 27, 2023

The Sister Cities Council will host a potluck on Thursday, April 27 at Steve and Becky Irby’s home at 5pm. Invited guests include OSU Japanese Student Association, OSU Japanese Language Club, new OSU ELI students arriving from Kansai Gaidai, OSU faculty and other invited guests.

b) Review Stillwater City Code creating Stillwater Sister Cities Council

Cindy Petree requested the membership review the Stillwater City Code creating the Stillwater Sister Cities Council.

c) SHS Exchange Student Recognition

The Council would like to continue discussion on ideas to connect and recognize the Stillwater High School Exchange Students.

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

None

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings.

None

8. Adjourn

John Mills made a motion to adjourn. Yuki Clark seconded the motion. All votes yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.