

APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019

**Idaho Falls Sister City Youth Meeting-Minutes  
January 14, 2019**

**Attendees:**

David Eaton	Heather Medema	Jorge Padron	Kendra Peck
Katie Eaton	Charles Medema	Gabe Patron	Nathan Peck
Kylie Eaton	Whitney St. Michael	Laura Combs	Noah Carter
Jo Gallegos	Anna St. Michael	Charlotte Combs	Diane Doyle
Abby Gallegos	Rebecca Smith	Peter Cebull	Abel Doyle
Aidan Gallegos	Stephanie Van Ausdeln	Melinda Cebull	Vina Gamino
Charlotte Sur	Jackie Sugai	Nicolas Cebull	Aliyah Gamino
Lori Kidwell	Jackson Corbridge	Wendy Boring	
Sam Hawker	Tate Corbridge	Maggie Boring	

**Approval of December 18, 2018 meeting minutes**

Motion to approve by Whitney St. Michael seconded by Peter Cebull

**Treasurer's Report**

Lori will get the bank statement and report next meeting.

**Report on the Board Meeting (01/09/2019)**

Executive Committee Meeting was discussed. The main points were fundraiser events, advertising in the Discover magazine and skyping with students from Japan and adding a clause to the application form which that parents will check if they do not wish their child's picture on social media or Idaho Falls Sister City fundraiser events. Board members are asked to submit suggestions for revisions to the Bylaws at the next board meeting.

Discussion on the application and code of conduct form and need to have members fill out application form, code of conduct and and payment of membership dues. The January 9, 2019 minutes will be sent out to members.

All meeting times will be placed on the Idaho Falls Sister City Youth site.

Approval of Executive Committee Meeting Report was motioned by Whitney St. Michael and seconded by Jorge.

**Winter Carnival Wrap-up:**

The lead coordinator, Heather Medema said it was a great success. She sent out three thank you cards to the city, ice rink and Tracy. Thank you cards were made by David and signed by group members.

Lessons Learned - Communicate with Recreation Director about costs, set up, and advertising in advance. The group agreed to have the Winter Carnival again (December 2019). Advertising should be created and placed in the Idaho Falls Discover Magazine.

Gabe and David volunteered to get advertisement completed and to the Discover Magazine.

**Fundraisers:**

Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for April 25, 2019 at the 'Snow Eagle'. Advertisement for the event should be placed in the Idaho Falls "Discovery" Magazine as well as information about the Sister City Youth Group. Discussion on the fundraiser. Need volunteers for the lead coordinator which will be determined at the February meeting. Melinda will start process and assist the lead coordinator.

**Other Fundraisers:**

ISU is having a fundraiser April 13 at the student union building from 6pm to 9pm. Idaho Falls Tokai drummers will be participating at this event. More information will be given at the next meeting. If anyone is interested in Tokai drum lessons the class is at the Idaho Falls Recreation Center on Memorial Drive beginning at 12:30 and ending at 2:30 pm.

More information on the Paramount fundraiser will be given at the February meeting.

**Summer 2019 Student Exchange Visit Planning**

Whitney St. Michael stated that the Japanese Sister City group is tentatively planning on coming to Idaho Falls July 25 through August 5. The group is working on the details.

Kendra proposed to schedule a New Year's Party for the Sister City Youth group. She will find a time for the group and propose at next meeting.

Kendra is looking into dates to schedule a skype call with the Sister City group in Japan. The goal is to introduce ourselves to students there especially for those that will be coming this summer.

**Student Activities**

Charley suggested that our group help the Idaho Falls Library with the fish pond and plants. David will contact the Library managers and let the group know.

Students are asked to think about the topic they wish to write for for the upcoming newsletter. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting.

A student made the observation that when the student group traveled to Japan they were given a variety of snacks during their trip. It was proposed that the group start stockpiling snacks to hand out when the Japanese students are here (around July 25).

Hanasuki is a Japanese game that is played in Japan. This game is similar to badminton. The group is asking for more badminton paddles and the "birdie".

A student is needed to help develop the website. Gab volunteered.

At the February 6 meeting students who are interested in helping with the Sister City Youth website (editing, photos, dates, etc) will be asked to signup for it.

Valentines were created by the students. The valentine cards will be sent to the Japan Student group. (If by chance students took any home with them please bring them to the next meeting and give them to Kendra Peck).

Motion for adjournment was made by Rebecca Smith and seconded by Kendra Peck.