

**Idaho Falls Sister City Youth Approved Meeting-Minutes  
February 5, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Trezden Thomson	Eddie Cramer	Kylie Eaton
Katie Eaton	David Eaton	Robert Gallegos
Aidan Gallegos	Abby Gallegos	Rebecca Smith
Stephanie VanAusdeln	Yeon Woo Nou	Jorge Padron
Whitney St. Michel	Carter Thompson	Tim Thompson
Kendra Peck	Nathan Peck	Maggie Boring
Wendy Boring	Anna St. Michel	Gabe Padron
Lori Kidwell	Sam Hawker	

**Introduction of New Students:**

Trezden Thomson, Eddie Cramer, and Michelle Cramer introduced themselves to the group.

**Approval of minutes:**

Corrections need to be made in the 1/27/20 meeting notes: Balance as of January 27, 2020 should read \$12,008.06, Hakura has not responded with a date for Skyping, and Izabelle Kelley (not Stephanie VanAusdlen) and Charlie Medema volunteered to take the lead for the Sushi Making event.

Rebecca Smith motioned to approve the January 27, 2020 meeting minutes with corrections and Whitney St. Michel seconded it. Voted and approved.

**Student Exchange Information:**

Whitney St. Michel stated that deposits for tickets airfare are completed. Monies for each ticket must be paid in April.

The group will keep an eye on the spread of the Coronavirus. If the group needs to cancel tickets it will. If cancelation is done in April each person will get a refund of the money they put on tickets.

Whitney stated that all students and chaparones will need proof of international insurance and a passport by April.

Student tickets and chaparone tickets will need to be paid in full by April 23, 2020.

All students will need to fill out the medical forms and get them to Whitney as soon as possible.

All students invited to go to Tokai-Muri will need their passports.

## **Fundraisers:**

### **Cherry Blossom Festival**

The Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for April 23, 2020 at the Snow Eagle.

Laura Combs stated that she would be the Lead Coordinator.

Maggie and Wendy Boring will coordinate raffle decorations (needs to be done in April).

Sam Hawker/Lori Kidwell will coordinate advertising (starts in March).

Carter Thompson will coordinate the website (starts in March) .

Robert Gallegos will help with the exterior decorations at the Snow Eagle (April 23).

The group was asked to consider volunteering to help with the other coordination responsibilities to make this fundraiser a success.

A suggestion was made to have the group put baskets together early in March and get the pictures of them on the website.

## **Skyping**

No date has been scheduled for Skyping with Tokai-Muri students as of 2/5/20. Kendra is waiting for a response from Harkura on dates that work for Tokai-Muri students.

Hopefully Skyping will take place during the Sushi Making event which is scheduled for February 21, 2020 at the Skyline Recreation Center.

## **Sushi Making Event**

Kendra Peck has reserved the Skyline Recreation Center for the Sushi Making event which is scheduled for the 21st of February. Izabelle Kelley and Charlie Medema are taking the lead for this.

## **Reminder:**

The next meeting in February for Idaho Falls Sister City Youth is scheduled for February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Idaho Falls Public Library.

Sushi Making event is scheduled for February 21 at the Skyline Recreation Center.

March meetings are the 4th and the 16th, April 1st and 13th, May 6th and 18th, June 3rd and 15th. Please put the dates on your calendar.

## **Student Activity Meeting Minutes February 5, 2020**

### **Cherry Blossom Festival**

The Cherry Blossom Festival will be taking place on April 23, 2020. Activities that will be required are remaking the origami Cherry blossoms because the ones we have are worn out.

There is not an actual date set for this event.

### **Sushi Making Event**

This event will be taking place on February 21, 2020. This will be an event to learn about Japanese culture and Japanese foods. Look for a sign-up for bringing supplies to the Sushi Making event. The skype might be on this date.

### **Skype with Japan**

There is not a set date for this event. The group is waiting for a response that works for Tokai-Muri students. Our target time is during the Sushi Making event (2/21/20).

### **Tonights Lesson**

Stephanie VanAusdeln taught a lesson about Japanese holidays, consisting of the following.

Setsuban, which is a celebration for the beginning of the spring.

National Foundation Day, to celebrate the Founding of Japan.

Valentines Day, where the women give gifts, usually chocolate to people.

White day, which is very similar, except men give back for this holiday.

For more information, on these holidays, go to

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1J3Wyg09G9OEPHndRifjXXNgEGEOkJEjEuFuKwgRXNqU/edit#slide=id.g7d3594a3e0\\_0\\_42](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1J3Wyg09G9OEPHndRifjXXNgEGEOkJEjEuFuKwgRXNqU/edit#slide=id.g7d3594a3e0_0_42). This leads to the presentation, with more information.

### **The next lesson:**

The next lesson will be taught by Anna and Kylie on February 19th. Anna and Kylie will be teaching on cultural do's and don'ts.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

Maggie Boring motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Anna St. Michel.