

Idaho Falls Sister City Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2020

Members in Attendance: Cal & Cindy Ozaki, Carole & Dave Walters, Kay Rohrdanz, Isoke & Reggie Fuller, Lynda Ulschmid, Paul & Sheri Hansen, Val Haddon, Karen Leibert, Sherry Scott, Roger Scott, Jerry & Lisa Sehlke, Bryce & Kirsten Shurtliff, Chelsea and Kris Schneider, Michael Cosens, Nan Hong, Clark Kido, and Chris White.

Guest: Rod and Merlene Shurtliff

Minutes: As amended.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance on 02/06/20 - \$13,416.59. Ending balance on 03/16/20 - \$13,606.59. Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Business:

- Discussion regarding the recent **2019 Delegation Visit to Tokai Mura**
 - Cindy passed around the wax food displays the delegation members made while on the overnight trip to Tokyo.
 - Clark Kido shared his experiences visiting with family in Japan following the delegation visit.
 - March 23 is the scheduled date for presentation of the delegation visit to the City Council. Reggie, Isoke, Cal and Cindy have prepared a presentation and will share it with our membership as well.
 - Cal provided on cd copies of the farewell video our Japanese hosts made for us. Cal also requested that we share our pictures and he will consolidate them for sharing with the group. Of particular interest are pictures of the home stay weekend, as we all had different experiences.
- Cindy discussed potential dates for the Japanese visit to Idaho Falls
 - Current preference is to come September 29 or 30th through October 8th. (Summer is difficult in 2020 as Japan is hosting the Olympics making travel very expensive)
 - We discussed several ideas for new things to do with our visitors and would like to include an overnight trip if possible. We will begin planning in earnest soon as we will need to investigate cost and logistics.
 - If you have ideas, please email them to Cindy with any research you have completed.
 - We formed a budget committee to establish a working budget for the visit. Cal will chair the committee and Jerry, Kris, and Roger agreed to work on the committee as well. Anyone else interested, please let Cal know.
 - We will form additional committees to address gifts, meals, and activities. All members are encouraged to participate.
- Reminder that the Minidoka relocation center visitor center will have a grand opening on Saturday, February 22, 2020.
- Several members attended the "National Day of Remembrance" viewing of the film "Our Lost Years" sponsored by the Idaho Falls JACL. Everyone found it to be very informational and during the discussion the group approved the motion to purchase a copy of the video for our use. Clark provided order information and Lisa will procure a copy for \$20.00 plus shipping and handling.
- Membership Fees are due. Please bring them to the next meeting or mail them to

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- Elections for Idaho Fall Sister City Offices opened for Nominations and Voting
 - We discussed the offices and associated roles and responsibilities. Offices are held for a period of two years.
 - The following slate was presented:
 - President: Cindy Ozaki
 - Vice President: Reggie Fuller
 - Treasurer: Joan Fuhrman / Sherry Scott intern
 - Secretary: Lisa Sehlke shared with Michelle Cramer
 - The above slate of officers was unanimously voted into place.
- Cindy is working with the leaders of the Sister City Youth group to plan a joint meeting so we can more closely coordinate activities. She suggested we plan for the May timeframe.

Next Meeting: Monday March 16, 2020