

**Idaho Falls Sister Cities Youth Meeting  
February 20, 2018**

**Attendees:**

Cameron Archer	Brennan Corbridge	Mario Estrada 2	Kendra Peck	Rebecca Smith
David Archer	Tate Corbridge	Victoria Estrada	Nathan Peck	Jackie Sugai
Nicholas Cebull	Katie Eaton	David Matranga	Dallin Peck	Stephanie Van Ausdeln
Peter Cebull	David Eaton	Teddy Matranga	Jacobi Retallic	
Garrett Corbridge	Kylie Eaton	Gabe Padron	*Noah Sandoval	*Guest

**Business Section of the Meeting**

\*Action items are in red.

**Minutes:**

The January 16<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes were provided to the group by email. Kendra motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Victoria seconded her motion.

**Treasurer's Report**

Peter provided the treasurer's report. The initial balance was \$7503.95. Total increase of \$2119.24 from Paramount & Winter Carnival fundraisers, dividends and dues minus expenses from hosting and Winter Carnival Food. The final balance is \$9623.19. The check from Mack's Inn float trip of \$640 was cashed this month and will show in next month's balance. This should be our final hosting expense.

**Japanese Exchange**

Whitney was not able to attend the meeting, and the discussion of the trip to Japan was postponed.

**Cherry Blossom Raffle/Dinner Fundraiser**

The fundraiser will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Snow Eagle. All of the restaurant profits for the day will be given to the group. Please encourage people to attend.

Victoria will work to assemble raffle items and will call people if she needs help. **Please arrange to bring any raffle donations you collect to Victoria.** You can text her at 208-589-8591. If you prefer to talk with Victoria, please call after 5 p.m. Mario will work on the website. **Dave will get the website login information to Mario.** A charitable donation letter is available to give to businesses that donate. The top of the letter has the tax id the business needs. The bottom section of the letter should be returned with the donation for the group's records and "Thank You" note information.

Misty was not able to attend the meeting and discuss her plans for advertising. Teddy suggested we put Sister Cities Information sheets in the menus. Peter said we should check with Snow Eagle first.

Dave talked about offering delivery service for carry out on for diners. Victoria asked about liability for people driving. If there was an accident would Sister Cities or Snow Eagle be sued? Rebecca said it might be difficult to estimate numbers of carryout meal. Dave decided to set aside the idea for future discussion or next year.

**Student Meeting**

The following items were discussed during the student meeting.

## **Setsubun**

Father or male w/ corresponding birth year (this year is the dog) would dress up as an evil spirit, and come into the house. The people in the house would throw beans at the “evil spirit”, and scare it away while chanting. The chant means “evil out fortune in.” After this they would pick up the amount of beans that they are in years of age and eat them.

Japanese comparison between USA and Japan Valentine's Day:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxZ1lyKJiZ2FSHN4VU15M2FzZ0FYaHNJOGJWMU5lc0ozdERZ>

## **New Year's in Japan**

Large holiday. Holiday cards are sent and held by post offices to deliver on New Year's. Most of the cards have numbers on them that can be used in a lottery. There are many decorations that have been set up for the past few meetings that we got from the group in Japan.

## **Phrase presentation Ideas for the next Skype session.**

We need to get ideas for what kind of phrases we are going to present to the Japanese kids through skype. Think everyday sayings that have different meanings than what is said. Like “Actions speak louder than words” or “Don't bite off more than you can chew”, or even “at the drop of a hat”

## **Test from the Skype with the Japanese last year. Winners got prizes.**

### Japanese --English

**Toire wa doko desuka?** Where is the bathroom?

**Genki desuka?** How are you?

**Onaka ga suitea?** Are you hungry?

**Cho kawaii!!** – Super cute!

**Kore wa nan desuka?** - What is this?

**Kore wa.....desu.** This is bla bla bla.

**Watashi no shumi wa .....** My hobby is bla bla bla.

**Naruhodo!** I see

**Watashimo onaji desu.** I am the same or Me too.

**Sorena.** – I hear you

**Dame.** – no

**Daijoubu** – OK

**Kono credit card daijoubu desuka?** Is this card ok?

**Mizu.**-water

**Toriniku.** -Chicken

## **Next meeting agenda**

- Dolls festival
- Split into 4 groups and plan a phrase each. What to show, what to say, how to act it out (if needed)

Motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca and seconded by Victoria.