

Idaho Falls Sister City Youth Approved Meeting Minutes

This meeting was conducted using the platform Zoom

April 19, 2021

Charlotte Combs	Laura Combs	Jackson Corbridge	Jackie Sugai
Kylie Eaton	David Eaton	Katie Eaton	Sam Hawker
Lori Kidwell	McKenzie Mclsaac	Eden Mclsaac	Gabe Padron
Jorge Padron	Nathan Peck	Kendra Peck	Anna St. Michel
Whitney St. Michel	Rebecca Smith	Stephanie VanAusdeln	Jennifer Thompson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion by Stephanie Van Ausdeln was made to approve the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Whitney St. Michel. The minutes were passed.

Reminder

The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for **May 5, at 7:00**. Please put this on your calendar. A reminder email notice will be sent out before the meeting.

Upcoming meetings to put on your calendar are May 5th and 17th, June 2nd and 14th, July 7th and July 19th if needed, August 4th and 16th, September 1st and 13th, October 6th and 18th, November 3rd and 15th, and December 1st and 13th.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 19, 2021 the balance in checking \$16,620.84, money market \$3294.86, and savings \$25.05. The treasurer's report link is at the end of the meeting minutes.

Lori Kidwell stated that she will go to the bank tomorrow to complete the paperwork to have an automatic withdrawal to pay for the website domain. This was agreed to by the group at the April 7th meeting.

Student Exchange

The IFSCY Board will have a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 to discuss the requirements or criteria for students going to Japan in 2022. The information will be given to the group at the meeting on May 5, 2021.

IFSCY 40th Anniversary Celebration

As was discussed at the April 7th meeting the Idaho Falls Sister City Youth and Tokai-Mura Sister City Youth have agreed to have a 40th Anniversary Celebration digitally! The adult group suggested scheduling the event for sometime in August or September. Kendra Peck asked our group for opinions on scheduling the anniversary celebration. The group discussed options and suggested the second week in August.

Some ideas for the celebration event were to ask the mayor to give a speech, Idaho Falls Symphony play for the groups (digitally), record graduation ceremonies celebrations, Sam Hawker stated he would like to do an anime video, short clips of student's experiences from the student exchange in the Tokai-Mura visit in the summer 2019. Please keep thinking of ideas for the 40th Anniversary.

Participation in the 4th of July Parade

Registration for groups or organizations to participate in the 4th of July parade needs to be turned in beginning April 1 through May. The Chamber of Commerce charges a fee of \$175.00. A suggestion was to ask the adult Sister City group if they would participate with the Youth group. It was also suggested that since the IFSCY is under the city that maybe this fee could be waived. David Eaton will call the Chamber of Commerce to find out.

This topic will be discussed at the meeting on May 5, 2021.

Discussion of online activities with Tokai-Mura Youth

As previously discussed and agreed by the group, it is important to continue with zoom meetings to interact with students from Tokai-Mura Youth. Ideas generated at a previous meeting were to record summer vacations Idaho Falls students take or school experiences like high school graduation. Other ideas were virtual visits, speech by the mayor, students experiences, skit, videos of everyday activities, pictures of our group doing volunteer work.

In addition to this students who traveled to Japan in 2018 were asked to make a short video of their experience to Tokai-Mura. Please include pictures of what you liked and did not like about it, your experiences of the outings and your host family.

Please be thinking of ideas on topics for online activities for the rest of the year.

Recruiting Students for IFSCY

This will be discussed at the May 5th meeting.

Discussion of City Ordinance

Kendra Peck emailed all members the "Sister City Draft Ordinance". Kendra asked for members to read before the meeting so that we may discuss it. The group discussed at length their thoughts and concerns. Send David Eaton your ideas or comments to the proposed ordinance by Saturday, April 23rd. He will compile the information and send it to Kendra.

It was proposed that Kendra Peck and David Eaton meet with Cindy Ozaki, President of the Adult Sister City group to discuss the draft ordinance.

The "Sister City Draft Ordinance" will be discussed at the May 5th meeting.

Discussion of Future Plans

Input of ideas is needed from students on where they would like the direction of future meetings to go. Kendra Peck asked members to create a list of interests each student has or each student would like to learn about Japan. She also asked students to write how being a part of this group has benefited them.

Field Trip

David Eaton asked members if they would like to go to the Japan Internment in Minidoka. He will get more information on tours. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Student Activities

Current Events in Japan

Stephanie VanAusdeln shared her presentation on "This Week in Japan". A presentation on current events in Japan. Topics included Covid 19 vaccinations and Olympic Torch Relay. To view this video please click on the link below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FkJqcMkFEUNwsDD7iS3kS2nINB-Y1DkV/view?usp=sharing>

Student Presentation

Anna St. Michel will present at the next meeting.

Fundraisers

Skyline Bowling alley does the fundraisers for groups on Wednesdays. Skyline will give us flyers to hand out to people and they must bring in the flyer in order for our group to get credit. The bowling fundraiser is being considered for sometime before school ends or during the summer.

Our group will need to discuss scheduling of this fundraiser at the May 5th meeting.

Phrase of the Week

Stephanie VanAusdeln presented the phrase of the week.

Update on Website

Stephanie Van Ausdeln gave three suggestions for the domain name for the website: IFSCY.org or IFSCYouth.org or IFSisterCityYouth.org. This is to allow people to find us more easily.

The group voted to go with IFSisterCityYouth.org.

Volunteering

Whitney and Anna St. Michel spoke with the Happy Farm master gardener. The farm will be needing volunteers when seeds can get planted. Whitney will have more information on dates and times for our group to help out at the Happy Farm by the next meeting.

The Friendship Garden needs volunteers to help stain the deck. The group agreed to help out on May 1, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Wear appropriate clothing for staining.

Next meeting

Discuss criteria for student exchange 2022, July 4th parade, online activities with Tokai mura students, recruiting, sister city ordinance, future plans, field trip, bowling, Happy Farm, friendship garden. Each student who has gone to Japan is asked to prep a quick presentation of their experience with pictures and to present to those who haven't gone.

Motion to Adjourn

Rebecca Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Sam Hawker.

[Treasurer's Report 4/19/21](#)