

**Idaho Falls Sister Cities Youth Meeting
June 18, 2018**

Attendees:

Max Benjamin	Nicholas Cebull	Mario Estrada	Nathan Peck	Anna St.Michel
Misty Benjamin	Tate Corbridge	Victoria Estrada	Dallin Peck	Jackie Sugai
Wendy Boring	Brennan Corbridge	David Matranga	Jacobi Retallic	Ness Villasen
Maggie Boring	Garrett Corbridge	Jorge Padron	Lauri Retallic	
Melinda Cebull	David Eaton	Gabe Padron	Whitney St. Michel	
Peter Cebull	Delsina Matranga	Kendra Peck	Ian St.Michel	Action items in red

Business Section of the Meeting

Minutes:

The June 6th meeting minutes were provided to the group by email. Kendra motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Delsina seconded her motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter provided the treasurer's report. The initial balance was \$15,496.33 and the current balance is \$21,018.15. The group received a \$4663.43 in airfare payments, \$866.64 from the garage sale, and \$1.75 in dividends. The group paid \$10 for Town and Country gift cards.

Japan Exchange:

Whitney will be providing the following information to the group.

- Packing Lists
- Do's & Don'ts while you are in Japan
- Spreadsheet with ticket information to check before she gives it to Delta. **Students - Please get your frequent flyer number to Whitney.** It is easy to get a frequent flyer number online at Delta's website.
- Tickets to Japan in either printed or email form.

The current exchange rate is \$1 to 103 yen. Since the rate is so close, it was decided to have people exchange money before going to Japan. Wells Fargo, US Bank, and Zion Bank will do currency exchanges. Whitney offered to exchange money for anyone who needs does not bank at these locations. **Families of students going to Japan are responsible for getting money exchanged in Idaho.** It will take a few days. (less than a week)

Kendra asked for students who have not provide a picture of their student ID to take a picture of their ID and email to her at kdpeck7@gmail.com. She need IDs from Gabe, Cameron, Elliot, and Max.

Speeches are due this week. **If you are giving a speech in Japan, please get your speech to Kendra as soon as possible.**

There are cell phone apps that can be used to help translate. Google has a smartphone app where you can take a picture of the words Japanese letters and it will translate. This can be useful for signs and maps.

The outlets are the same in Japan

The group will meet at the Idaho Falls airport an hour and a half before the plane leaves ~ 6 am. More information will be provided at future meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

Due to the July 4th holiday, our July meetings will be on the 9th and 16th. The student delegation will be in Japan for the first meeting in August. Our only August meeting will be on August 13th.

Etiquette Lesson

Junko Flynn attend our meeting and provide the group with information about Japanese etiquette. A list of some items she talked about follows:

- Bowing is very common in Japan especially during greetings.
- Chewing gum is impolite and should only be done around close friends.
- Take your shoes off at people's homes. Put shoes together facing the door.
- Only sit on the front part of the sofa and sit with your back straight.
- If sitting on a mat, kneel or sit with legs scissor style. Do not sit crisscross. You can sit comfortable on the mat after being invited to.
- Use slippers if provided.
- Take off slippers in Tatami mat room.
- Toilets and shower/bath tubs are usually in different rooms.
- Use the shower area to clean yourself. The tub is used for soaking and the tub water may be used by more members of the family. You should be clean and rinsed before using the tub.
- If offered food with chopsticks, let the person put them on your plate. Do not take the food with chopsticks. The reason that you do not take food from someone's chopsticks is because this is only performed at funerals while passing bones to each other.
- It is okay to hold up rice or soup bowl when you eat.
- You can ask for a fork if it is difficult to eat with chopsticks.
- It is okay to making slurping noises when eating noodles.
- When you attend events take off your hat or cap.
- Don't eat when someone is talking.
- If you sleep on a futon, fold it up in the morning
- Receive items with both hands.
- Don't worry too much! Have fun!

Junko also provide a lesson on Japanese greetings:

Hello	Konnichiwa
Good Morning	Ohayougozaimasu
Good Evening	Konbanwa
Excuse me	Sumimasen
I'm Sorry	Gomennasai
Thank you so much	Arigato gozaimasu
You are welcome	Doutashimashite
Good bye	Sayounara
Good night	Oyasuminasai
Nice to meet you	Hajimemashite

How are you	Genki desuka
I'm fine	Genki desu
Before you eat	Itadakimasu
After you eat	Gochisousamadeshita
Before you leave the house (I'll be back)	Itte kimasu
I'm home	Tadaima
Welcome back	Okaeri nasai
What time is it?	Nanji desuka
What is this	Korewa nandesuka
Where is it?	Doko desuka
When is it	Itsu desuka
Why is it?	Naze desuka
Who is it?	Dare desuka
How much is it?	Ikura desuka
How is it?	Dou desuka
See you	Sayounara/bye bye

Phrases:

Introduce yourself

- Konnichi wa. [your name] desu. Hello, my name is [name].
- Watashi wa [your name] desu.
- Watashi no namae wa [your name] desu.

When you meet someone. Roughly translates to "Pleased to meet you."

- Yoroshiku onegaishimasu

Student Section of the Meeting

Ian St. Michel led the group in a Hiragana Bingo game.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kendra and seconded by Ness.