

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Stillwater Community Center, Room 100
January 28, 2016

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.
2. Members Present: Larry Jones, Sylvia Duncan, Linda Ely, Becky Irby, Cindy Petree, Tamaki Kumauchi, Dale Durham arrived at 5:15pm.

Members Absent: Carolyn Confer, John Mills, Bob Burk, Judy Nelson
3. Introduction of Guests: Sayaka Isoda, Nick Overacker, JSA, Audrey Bilyeu, JSA, Erin Winston, JSA, Brandon Jones, Sheerar Museum, Kayo Jones
4. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting September 24, 2015 – Sylvia Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Ely seconded the motion. All votes yes. Special Meeting November 12, 2015 – Cindy Petree made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Ely seconded the motion. All votes yes.
5. Council Reports/Possible Action
 - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Cindy Petree reported she and Cody Sherburn, Middle School computer science teacher have applied for a \$600 grant for cameras and computer software that will enable them to make a video diary of the school year to share with students in Kameoka, Japan. The Middle School will offer a semester long course to produce, edit, and present video. The subjects will vary. Larry Jones reported on his visit with school officials at Taisei Junior High in Kameoka. The officials were very supportive in revitalizing the student exchange program.
 - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan announced the schedule events at OSU. China Night is scheduled for Feb 7, 6pm dinner, 6:45pm show. The event will be held at the Wes Watkins, cost is \$8 dinner/show and \$6 for show only. 7 new ELI students will arrive in Stillwater on March 8 – July 25.
 - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – as reported above.
 - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – Stephanie Kinder reported there were a number of gifts donated by Mayor Noble for the Kameoka Room from her recent trip to Kameoka, Japan.
6. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) Election of Officers—Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
Becky Irby nominated Larry Jones for Sister Cities Council Chair. Linda Ely seconded the motion. Larry Jones called for additional nominations. All votes yes.
Linda Ely nominated Cindy Petree for Sister Cities Council Vice-Chair by acclamation. Sylvia Duncan seconded the motion. All votes yes.
Sylvia Duncan nominated Linda Ely for Sister Cities Council Secretary by acclamation. Becky Irby seconded the motion. All votes yes.
 - b) Stillwater High School Exchange Student Recognition, Feb. 25 – The SHS Exchange Student Recognition has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Stillwater High School. Tamaki Kumauchi, Youth Representative will provide the welcome.

- c) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – Articles were assigned to Council members for the Newsletter.
 - d) Wondertorium / Kameoka Art Exchange – Kameoka sent a second student exhibit that will be displayed at the Community Center through February, 2016.
7. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council. – Brandon Jones reported on the Sister Cities 30th Anniversary exhibit at the Sheerar Museum. He indicated there was an increase in membership after the opening of the exhibit. Most of the items will remain on display through August. The exhibit will be trimmed to allow for a new exhibit. Congratulations to Brandon Jones on his new position as the Sheerar Museum Registrar. Larry Jones reported on his recent trip to Kameoka, Japan.
8. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings. – Bike Plaque, Young Artist Competition, Sukiyaki Dinner, Samurai Paper Lantern repair.
9. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.