

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
October 27, 2016

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.  
  
Members Present: Larry Jones, Cindy Petree, Sylvia Duncan, Judy Nelson, Becky Irby, John Mills, Linda Ely, Dale Durham, Bob Burk  
Members Absent: Carolyn Confer
2. Introduction of Guests: Omar Ibarra, Sayaka Isoda, Nancy Durham, Andrea Yough
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting September 22, 2016 – Sylvia Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Cindy Petree seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
  - a) Sister School Program/Japan Club (Petree) – Cindy Petree reported Alex Wall, former Middle School Japan Club member, has submitted an application for the Sister Cities Council youth representative.
  - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – No report
  - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – No report
  - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – Members of the Sister Cities Council will meet on November 7 in the Kameoka Room at 10am to replace the Japanese artifacts which had been on display at the Sheerar Museum.
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
  - a) SHS Exchange Student Recognition Reception/Potluck Dinner, December 1, 2016 – The Sister Cities Council will host a potluck dinner and recognize the Stillwater High School Exchange Students on Thursday, December 1 at the Community Center. The Council will also recognize the OSU Japanese Student Association and the Sister Cities International 2016 Young Author Winner.
  - b) OSU Parade, October 29, 2016 – The OSU Parade will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016. The City of Stillwater will provide a truck, trailer and driver. The OSU Malaysian Drum Troupe will ride on the trailer and the OSU Japanese students will walk in their native attire.
  - c) Open Meeting/Open Records Training, November 18, 2016 – The City of Stillwater will host and Open Meeting/Open Records Training on November 18, 2016 at 5:30pm at the Community Center. All Sister Cities members are encouraged to attend.
  - d) Japanese Doll Donation - This old and tattered doll was perhaps the only toy of a young Japanese girl who was interned with her family in an unknown detention camp in the western United States after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Near the end of World War II, the family was released and returned to Southern California where they were befriended by an American woman. In appreciation for her kindness, the family presented her with this doll of great sentimental value. Years later the woman gave the doll to her niece Kathrine McCollum, a long-time resident of Stillwater, who later bestowed the doll to her friends, Larry and Kayo Jones, who have a long history of involvement with Japan. The doll has been donated to the Stillwater Sister Cities Council for

display of treasured Japanese memorabilia.

- e) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – Stephanie Kinder will email requests for articles.
  - f) Sister Cities Council Youth Representative – Cindy Petree reported above.
6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council. – Stephanie Kinder reported the bike plaque in memory of Takashi Yamamoto has been installed. Larry Jones reported Hideki Nishijima, Japanese potter and his wife will travel to Oklahoma the last week in March 2017.
  7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings. – 2017 Sister Cities Council regular meeting schedule
  8. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.