

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2016

At 4:15 p.m., the Mayor and City Council and the Sister Cities Council hosted a reception in the Stillwater High School Presentation Room to recognize Stillwater High School exchange students and their host families and Sister Cities International Young Author winner. The Sister Cities Council meeting followed at approximately 5:00 pm.

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:21pm.

Members Present: Cindy Petree, John Mills, Sylvia Duncan, Becky Irby, Linda Ely, Carolyn Confer, Tamaki Kumauchi, Larry Jones, Judy Nelson
Members Absent: Bob Burk, Dale Durham

2. Introduction of Guest – Nancy Durham, Audrey Bilyeu, JSA Secretary
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 1-28-16 – Cindy Petree made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, adding Kayo Jones as a guest. Linda seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
 - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Cindy Petree reported she and Cody Sherburn, Middle School computer science teacher received a \$600 grant from the Stillwater Public Education Foundation for cameras and computer software that will enable the students to make a video diary of the school year to share with students in Kameoka, Japan.
 - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – No report
 - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – Audrey Bilyeu reported Cultural Night is scheduled for March 25 and 26, 2016.
 - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – Becky Irby reported she approached the Master Gardeners about their interest in assisting with the maintenance of the Japanese Garden at the Community Center. She indicated there was interest among the group to provide temporary assistance.
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) Sukiyaki Dinner – The Sukiyaki Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 28. The dinner will begin at 5pm with dinner to follow. Choppers will need to arrive at 3pm.
 - b) SCI 2016 Young Artist/Author Competition – The entry deadline for the local Young Artist/Author competition is April 8th. Local winners will be entered in the international competition, due May 1. The Council discussed possible contacts at the schools to generate interest among students 13 – 18 years old.
 - c) Honorary Plaque for Bike Rack at Community Center – The Council will place a memory plaque on the bike rack honoring Takashi Yamamoto.
 - d) Children's Museum Wondertorium / Art Exchange – The student artwork from Kameoka, Japan has been returned and we expressed our interest in continuing the exchange next year. Carolyn Confer reported she talked to the Multi Arts Center and they plan to incorporate a youth art program this summer that will participate in the art exchange.
 - e) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – Articles were assigned to Council members to complete the Spring newsletter.

6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council – Larry Jones announced the dates for the 2016 SCI Annual Conference in Washington D.C.
7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings – Sukiyaki Dinner, Japanese Student Welcome
8. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.