

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Stillwater Community Center, 315 W. 8th
March 24, 2016

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting the order at 5:00pm

Members Present: Sylvia Duncan, Linda Ely, Dale Durham, Tamaki Kumauchi, Bob Burk, Judy Nelson, John Mills, Larry Jones
Members Absent: Cindy Petree, Carolyn Confer, Becky Irby
2. Introduction of Guest – Sayaka Isoda
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 2-25-16 – Sylvia Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Burk seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
 - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – No report
 - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan reported there are six new Japanese students attending OSU English Language Institute (ELI) through July 2016. Cultural Night is scheduled March 25 and 26, 2016 and tickets are \$5 each.
 - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – As reported above regarding Cultural Night.
 - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – Larry Jones offered to contact Michelle Leong, Coordinator for International Relations in Kameoka, to assist with replacing damaged lanterns in the Samurai Warrior case.
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) Sukiyaki Dinner – John Mills made a motion to cancel the April 28 Sister Cities Council regular meeting and schedule the Sukiyaki Dinner and Sister Cities Council special meeting on April 28 at the home of Steve and Becky Irby. Sylvia Duncan seconded the motion. All votes yes.
 - b) SCI 2016 Young Artist/Author Competition – Linda Ely prepared a press release honoring the 2015 winner and information on the 2016 competition. The story ran in the Stillwater News Press. Information was distributed to the home school organization and the Stillwater Public Schools. The local deadline is Friday, April 8, 2016.
 - c) Children’s Museum Wondertorium / Art Exchange – Stephanie Kinder received confirmation from Kameoka that they received the artwork from Stillwater. They plan to continue the youth art exchange between the two cities.
 - d) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – The final draft should be ready next week and in the mail mid-April.
6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council – Stephanie Kinder announced she received an email from the Tulsa Global Alliance inviting the Sister Cities Council to attend a conference, “Diplomacy Begins Here,” on May 31 in Tulsa, OK. The one-day event, with speakers and panelists will address the importance of citizen diplomacy and cross-cultural awareness.
7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings – Sukiyaki Dinner next month.
8. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.