

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 23, 2017

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.  
Members Present: Linda Ely, Dale Durham, Becky Irby, Bob Burk, Sylvia Duncan, Larry Jones, Alex Wall, Judy Nelson, Cindy Petree, John Mills.  
Member Absent; Carolyn Confer
2. Introduction of Guests – Gabrielle Crowell, Community Center office assistant
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 26, 2017 – John Mills made a motion to approve the minutes. Sylvia Duncan seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
  - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Cindy Petree reported the Stillwater Middle School displayed artwork received from students in Kameoka as part of the Sister Cities Art Exchange Program. Students were able to view the artwork in the morning before school, during lunch break and after school. The SMS art education class organized the exhibit.
  - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan reported the OSU Japanese Student Association will not be participating in Cultural Night due to the low enrollment number of Japanese students.
  - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – no report
  - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan reported she is working on a doll display for the Kameoka Room. A Japanese doll was the toy of a young Japanese girl who was placed in a detention camp on the U.S. west coast. Upon release, the family relocated to California and befriended an American woman. They gave the doll, as a gift, to the American woman who later passed the doll down to her niece, Kathrine McCollom. Kathrine was a resident of Stillwater. The doll was later given to Larry and Kayo Jones, longtime supporters of the Stillwater Sister Cities Council.
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
  - a) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – Larry Jones wrote an article which was included in the Kameoka Newsletter Winter Edition.
  - b) Wondertorium / Kameoka Art Exchange – As reported above in Sister School program.
  - c) SCI Young Author/Artist Competition- The Sister Cities Council agreed to host the Sister Cities International Young Author/Artist Competition. Cindy Petree made a motion to award \$100 to the first place local artist winner and \$50 to the first place local winner in the poetry and essay divisions. Bob Burk seconded the motion. All votes yes.
  - d) Sukiyaki Dinner – April 27, 2017 – The Sukiyaki Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 27 at Steve and Becky Irby's house at 5pm. The Sister Cities Council meeting will follow. Council members volunteered to assist with preparation.
6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council. – Larry and Kayo Jones will be hosting a Japanese potter from Kameoka on Wednesday,

April 5. The Council agreed to host a dinner at 5pm in the Kameoka Room and provide a tour of the Kameoka Room and Japanese garden. Larry Jones met with the Fred Griffiths, OSU ELI Director, to discuss ideas and opportunities to encourage Japanese students to visit Stillwater and tour the OSU campus.

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings. – Sukiyaki Dinner, SCI Young Artist/Author Competition
8. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.