

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MINUTES
September 28, 2017

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
Members Present: Larry Jones, Sylvia Duncan, Becky Irby, Bob Burk, Dale Durham, Cindy Petree, Judy Nelson 5:18pm, Alex Wall 5:22pm.
Members Absent: Linda Ely, John Mills, Carolyn Confer
2. Introduction of Guests: Quynh Wall
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting May 25, 2017 – Sylvia Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes. Dale Durham seconded the motion. All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
 - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Cindy Petree reported she will followup with Kiyomi Kojima to coordinate the writing exchange between the Stillwater Middle School and Homme Elementary School in Kameoka, Japan.
 - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan provided a International Students Statistics report prepared by
 - c) Oklahoma State University International Student and Scholars Department. The International Bazaar has been scheduled for Oct. 4, 11am – 2pm, on the OSU campus Library Lawn (International Mall).
 - d) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – No report
 - e) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – No report
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) OSU Homecoming Parade, October 14, 2017 – Stephanie Kinder reported she will submit a parade entry application for Sister Cities Council and will include the OSU Malaysian Drum Troop and the OSU Japanese Student Association
 - b) SHS Exchange Student Recognition Reception/Potluck, Nov. 30, 2017
The Sister Cities Council would like to recognize the Stillwater High School Exchange Students along with their host families at the annual potluck dinner on Thursday, November 30 at 5pm. Bob Burk offered to contact the Stillwater High School.
 - c) Kameoka Art and Writing Exchange – see above
 - d) Kameoka Tomodachi Newsletter – Stephanie Kinder will email a request for articles for the newsletter.
6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council. – Cindy Petree reported the Stillwater Middle School has Japanese library books (curriculum books) available for use. Cindy Petree and Alex Wall will be working on the history of the school exchange. Alex Wall commented on the OSU Japanese Student Welcome pizza party. He noted his conversation with the students and many said they chose OSU through recommendation from friends. He recommended increasing the marketing material offered to international students, especially social media. Larry Jones passed around the Kameoka fall newsletter.

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings. – newsletter, 2018 regular meeting scheduled, SHS Exchange Student Recognition
8. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.