

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MINUTES
Stillwater Community Center, Kameoka Room
May 24, 2018 - 5:00 pm

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Members Present: Larry Jones, Cindy Petree, Linda Ely, Bob Burk, Sylvia Duncan, John Mills, Dale Durham, Alex Wall, Quynh Wall

Members Absent: Becky Irby, Judy Nelson

2. Introduction of Guest: No Guests

3. Approval of Minutes: Bob Burk moved for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 2018; second by Alex Wall. Minutes were approved with all votes yes.

4. Council Reports/Possible Action

- a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Cindy advised that she was on extended sick leave from the Middle School and returned shortly before the end of the spring term. She will begin again on sister school programs in the fall.

- b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – No report

- c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) - No JSA report – The council discussed the upcoming trip by Dr. Randy Kluver and Fred Griffith to Japan to attend the opening of a new campus for Kansai-Gadai and how the council could support his visit.

- d) Kameoka Room – (Duncan) - The Community Center Foundation will use the Kameoka Room for their regular meetings.

5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action

- a) Sheerar Museum summer Concert Series, July 27, 2018 – The council will host the reception following the Cool Classics concert and expects to serve 150 people. Council members will be asked to provide punch, food and table decoration. Suggestions included chips & dips, fruit/vegetable plates, cookies, etc. Bob Burk volunteered to bring two dozen cookies and Sylvia Duncan will work on decorations. Plans will be finalized at the June meeting.

- b) Kameoka Gardeners Group Visit, October, 2018 – Larry Jones said he had only heard casual references regarding interest by the gardeners to come to Stillwater again. Council members expressed enthusiasm for hosting the gardeners. Linda Ely moved and Bob Burk seconded a motion to authorize Larry Jones and Stephanie Kinder to follow up with the gardeners and city officials to move forward with an invitation.

- c) Holiday Card Collection (Quynh Wall) – Quynh indicated she had received sufficient cards for the project and just needed to arrange for the frame.

6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council – Stephanie Kinder was unable to attend the meeting. Sylvia Duncan reported the following:

Professor Onakado, the Japanese language teacher at OSU has resigned unexpectedly and a search is on to fill the vacancy before OSU resumes in August.

Dr. Randy Kløver who took over Dr. Henneberry's position has a new title of Dean of the School of Global Studies and Partnerships. He plans to visit Kansai-Gaidai University in early June and plans to stop for a visit in Kameoka.

Cindy Petree thanked the council for thoughts and prayers following her surgeries and recuperation.

Tiff Huff and his family traveled to Kameoka this summer, following his daughter's high school graduation.

The council expressed their sympathies to Sylvia Duncan on the death of her husband Aaron on May 7th. Several members spoke of their affection for him and his support of council activities through the years. Sylvia said they would have celebrated their 70th anniversary on May 31st.

7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings - Sheerar Museum Summer Concert Series Reception on July 27, 2018 and Japanese Gardeners Visit

8. Adjourn – Cindy Petree moved and Alex Wall seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.