



Japanese Sister City Committee Minutes

February 12, 2025 6:00 PM

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I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

- A. Jeannae Segura Brown, Danijela Nenadic, Dustin Henrich, Katie Gall, Cassy Pallo, Kristy DeMeyer, Laura Seigfreid, plus Patric Koon (Community Member and 2025 Chaperone)

II. APPROVE PRIOR MINUTES

- A. Danijela had a question about the rental fee for the Uptown Market as notified in the January meeting minutes. Cassy clarified that she spoke with Kim Osborne after the meeting, and Kim said the facility rental fee can be waived for JSCC.
 - 1. Danijela moved to approve the minutes and Dustin seconded
- 1. All voting members in attendance expressed their approved with a show of hands

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS, IF ANY

- A. N/A

IV. UPCOMING ELECTION VOTE

- A. Officers Vote
 - 1. Slate:

1. Dustin Henrich: Chair
2. Danijela Nenadic: Vice Chair
3. Katie Gall: Secretary
4. Chad Whisenhunt: Treasurer
5. Sabastian Gonzalez: Historian

2. Jeannae moved to accept the slate of officers and Kristy seconded

1. The motion passed with unanimous approval (show of hands by all voting members in attendance).

3. Officers will take office at the May meeting. Cassy would like to have an in-person meeting so we can exchange any information the new leaders need in their role.

1. Kristy is going to go to the bank and needs meeting minutes to transfer Treasurer responsibilities to Chad.

V. STUDENT DELEGATE UPDATE

A. Patric said the culture language classes are as follows:

1. Feb 21 – 1st workshop to be virtual
2. Mar TBD
3. Apr 25
4. May 16
5. May 30 – last workshop before the exchange!

B. He also updated on the payment schedule for the delegates and their passport status.

1. He will work with the delegates to make sure everyone has a passport at the first workshop.

C. Cassy said last year they had a video introduction with the delegates from our group and from Japan. She has heard that the Japanese group would like intro videos again this year. Name pronunciation will be key to include.

D. Most students have made two payments. Dustin, Kristy, and Patric are working with two students on an alternative payment plan.

E. Patric updated the group on fundraising efforts. The students are working on snack vending at Van Horn, a dodgeball tournament that involves all three Independence high schools, and potential for restaurant nights.

VI. MATSURI UPDATE

A. Cassy will sit down and start planning soon

1. Cassy will investigate permits
2. The basic plan is to repeat what we did last year

B. Glendale will perform again, Jeannae confirmed

1. Danijela said the origami table was a hit last year and encouraged Glendale to feature that again

C. Sales table

1. What types of items does the group have to sell?

1. Jeannae recently took in a box of donations and will sort through it

- D. Dustin would like to ask for donations or sponsorships from large companies such as Panasonic. He will spearhead the efforts.

- E. Dustin will share the event spreadsheet with the team.

1. Cassy would like the task of booking the performers

VII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

A. Code of Conduct

1. Please review the Code of Conduct and sign when you are able
2. Jeannae gave a recap of what she read in the contract

1. There will be training available for Committee Members

B. Tracie reached out to Dustin about an upcoming cultural opportunity

1. A renowned Calligraphy teacher from Japan is coming to the area for one week starting April 14th

1. There will be a lecture Apr 17th at 7pm
2. Apr 18th will be an event with KCAI
3. Are we interested in a workshop? Dustin has a video, link, and bio he can share with the team.
 1. Cassy recommended working with Englewood Arts to schedule something. Pass on Englewood Arts' info to Tracie.
 1. Dustin will reach back out to Tracie
 2. Patric said that Van Horn can be available to use for a workshop as well.
 3. Jeannae said that they have brushes, ink, and other supplies at Glendale we can access.

C. IYM Grant Opportunity

1. Truman Heartland is a 501(c)(3) and Dustin will talk to them about accepting the grant for us
2. Cassy and Katie will work together to submit an application

1. Danijela recommended applying to cover an activity while the Japanese students are in town.

D. Host Family Recruitment

1. Danijela recommends that we start our search

2. Cassy will start recruiting based on past participants
1. Cassy will get the form updated and we can all start distributing it.
 1. The whole Committee should share with their contacts
 2. Ask Kim O to distribute to City contacts

VIII. ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

A. N/A

IX. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:59

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