



Japanese Sister City Committee Minutes

November 12, 2025 6:00 PM

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I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call/Call to Order

- Attendees: Jeannae Segura Brown, Danijela Nenadic, Dustin Henrich, Kim Osborne (City of Independence), Laura Seigfreid and Patric Koon

II. Approve prior minutes

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- Motioned to approve: Jeannae
- Seconded: Cassy/Danijela
- All in favor?: Yes

III. BRIEF POST FESTIVAL DISCUSSION

1. Brief Post Festival Discussion

- Final financial report pending
- Recap:
 - Connections with a lot of new vendors and organizations that expressed interest in collaboration with us.
 - Valuable lessons (6-8 weeks starting period prior to the festival needs to be increased (for new vendors, sponsors and especially advertising).

- Importance of city wide advertising, collaboration with other local venues and sponsorship. (If we start early our local businesses might be willing to sponsor one or two acts which would increase profits).
- Being present/ having relationships in all local schools (all levels).
- Cassy thought everything went very smoothly. Very happy with how things ran. The day of the experience felt very low stress.
- Patric thinks the schedule should be on the table and/or given to ticket holders.
- Jeannae - think we need to buy sound system or see what is offered at our venues

Danijela agreed with Patric. We had so many wonderful students that came to help set up and break down. Would like more volunteers.

IV. 2026 EXCHANGE DATES

1. 2026 Exchange Status and Interview Status Updates

- Jeannae motions empowers the adult chaperone interview committee to make a final decision for the 2026 Exchange chaperone.
- Danijela seconds.
- All in favor: Yes

V. INTERVIEW STATUS UPDATE

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- Danijela seconds.
- All in favor: Yes

VI. VANHORN STUDENT AP LANGUAGE STUDENT COMMUNICATION IDEA PROPOSAL

1. VanHorn Student AP Language Student Communication Idea Proposal

- Patric's AP students goal is to understand the JSCC needs/wants to improve the program.
- Using the design program with empathy in mind
- Then they went to the design and prototype phases
- Funding & Advertisement by Lexi
 - Funding issue - the program doesn't have enough money for more students to get a chance for a unique experience
 - Advertisement - Not enough publicity to earn money
 - Solution - Japanese Market Day - Students would all come together similar to STEMathon. There would be tables of food, or crafts or fun

activities

- Benefits - It would raise money for the program. It would teach about Japanese culture
- Food we could make/sell - Mochi, Tokyo Banana, Melon Pan, and Taiyaki
- Activities - Calligraphy Lesson, games, crafts, and phrases
- Potentially could have a youth/student sub-committee to help with that.
- Excellent ideas
- Concerns about health permit fees

○ Buddy-to-Buddy pen pal system - Miguel, Jason, Azael

- A way to break the language barrier
- Have students & student delegates by chatting overseas with a platform
- Goal - get students to meaningful connections with each other
- Another way for students to participate on the program
- JSCC can pair delegates from each country to discuss daily life and the exchange trip

○ JSCC Fundraising and Awareness to raise money to go to Japan

- Potential Solutions - Getting advertisements on instagram, tiktok, JSCC car wash, push sales with food at schools, proposed by flyers door to door,

VII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Items from the floor

VIII. ADJOURN

1. Adjourn