



INDEPENDENCE ★ MISSOURI ★

A GREAT AMERICAN STORY

Japanese Sister City Committee Minutes

June 10, 2026 6:00 PM

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I. ROLL CALL/ CALL TO ORDER

- a. Attendees
 - i. Kevin King
 - ii. Kim Osborne
 - iii. Dustin Henrich
 - iv. Katie Gall
 - v. Jeannae Segura Brown
 - vi. Laura Seigfreid
 - vii. Patric Koon

II. APPROVE PRIOR MINUTES

I. Approve prior minutes

- a. *Jeannae moved to approve the May minutes and Chad seconded. All voting members in attendance voted their approval by a show of hands.*

J. Mayor King introduction

- a. Liaison to the committee.
 - i. Jeannae asked if the Mayor wants to join us for the 50th Anniversary trip to Higashimurayama. He responded that he will consider the offer.

III. AMERICAN STUDENT EXCHANGE UPDATES

Danijela has been providing detailed updates in the group chat which includes some committee members, Danijela, and parents of the exchange students. Anyone on the committee can join the Line chat if they want to receive the updates

1. Vote on student leftover funds
 - a. Fundraiser profits from the GoFundMe and the Market Day went to the student delegates before they left Kansas City (approx. \$170 / student). The leftover funds we have come from the amount that the students paid for the trip, less the cost of all services provided (tickets, insurance, lessons, etc). Once balanced out, we have money leftover which accounts to approximately \$146 per student. Should we reimburse the students evenly? Jeannae suggested we ask the student delegates to vote on how JSCC uses the money. Potential options:
 - i. Use on exchange activities when students come here
 - ii. Refund the money evenly
 - iii. Invest in JSCC's savings fund
 - b. Is there precedence for asking the students to vote on how to use the money?
 - i. Jeannae doesn't know of any. Dustin suggested planning for this circumstance in the future and creating an official guideline.
 - c. The discussion was tabled until Danijela is back from the exchange trip.

IV. JAPAN EXCHANGE PLANNING

- a. Key Dates – try to have larger attendance than last year
 - i. Welcome Party
 1. August 2nd (Sunday)
 - j. Farewell Party
 1. August 14th Potluck (Friday)
1. Confirm Truman Memorial building availability
 - a. Check on the following
 - i. Confirm Truman Memorial Building availability.
 1. Meeting room and museum should be up and running by our exchange parties in August. Jeannae added our event to the calendar.
 - j. Need to contact ice rink on cost options
 2. Who will be available to help accompany students during activities
 - a. Event planning and committee availability.
 - i. Dustin sent out a signup to committee members to volunteer their time

and chaperone the student activities for the day.

3. Vote on budget

a. *Budget vote*

- i. Chad: we currently have \$9,193.54 in the checking account.
- ii. Last year we budgeted “not to exceed \$5,000 on student activities”.
- iii. *Jeannae made a motion that the student exchange budget shall not exceed a budget of \$5000 for the 2026 student exchange activities in our host city. Laura seconded. All voting members in attendance showed their approval with raised hands.*

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V. UPTOWN MATSURI SUB-COMMITTEE

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- b. Dustin will submit for the Japan Foundation cultural grant. Truman Heartland Foundation will accept on our behalf and will deposit into our account. The grant generally pays for the expenses incurred by putting on the event.

2028 Adult 50th Anniversary Exchange

1. Planning in the works
2. Danijela will meet with HIFA during the current exchange.
3. Potential JSCC to HIFA trip in spring and HIFA to JSCC trip in fall 2028.

VI. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH, 2026

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