

ABILENE-OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD

October 13, 2020 6:00 pm

City Hall City Manager's Office

AGENDA for BOARD MEETING

- I. Call to order
- II. Changes to Agenda/Approval of agenda
- III. Approval of minutes June 2020 meeting
- IV. Public comments, correspondence
 - A. Presentations
 - B. News from Omitama, Zoom meeting
 - C. Official Correspondence
- V. Financial Report
- VI: Unpaid bills
 - A. Tatsumaki Yosakoi
 - B. Sister Citu dues
 - C. Other?
- VII. Friends of Sister City
- VIII. Board matters
 - A. Resignation of Claire and Scott Anderson
 - B. Board applications, including Jerry Rankin and Bill Marshall
 - C. Upcoming Resignation of Rick and Barbara Johnson, date pending
 - D. Nomination and Election of new President and Vice President
 - E. Board meetings during Covid pandemic
 1. Schedule
 2. In person or Zoom
- IX. Old business
 - A. Video Message to Omitama
 - B. Japanese Language Lessons
- X. What next?
- XI. Adjournment--Next meeting on schedule is Nov. 10, 2020, 6 pm.

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR June 23 , 2020

The Abilene Omitama sister city board meeting was called to order by Claire Anderson at 6:11 pm through a Zoom meeting. (Due to COVID-19 there were no meetings in April and May.) The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Scott Anderson, Barb and Rick Johnson, and Mary Zey. Also in attendance was Heather Unruh, Friends of Sister City.

Jerry Rankin, Friends of Sister City, Kevin Unruh, Audrey Corbett, Andrea Taylor, and Marcus Rothchild, city liaison, were absent.

Approval of Agenda: Rick moved and Barb seconded to approve the agenda with the date correction. All in favor.

Approval of March minutes: Rick moved to approve the minutes as is; Scott seconded. All in favor.

Comments and correspondence: Claire has visited with Narumi and things are opening up in Omitama. Also, Narumi sent a box of cookies. Claire will hold onto them until further notice.

Friends of Sister City: Heather reported that Mary is going to have to close the account at the bank and reopen it under Abilene Community Foundation. Heather will work out the paperwork and then call Mary.

Financial report: Heather reported that Kevin shared that we have, as of today, \$9,599.11. Kevin has a question about two bills. He will talk to Marcus tomorrow. Possibly they are the newspaper ad and Sister City International dues. Rick reported that the dancers have not yet been paid. Rick moved and Scott seconded to table the financial report for next month. All in favor.

Video Message to Omitama: Claire asked the board to do a 2 to 5 min video to be sent to Omitama to keep the correspondence going with Omitama. Share something you are doing right now during COVID -19. She suggested we reach out to anyone who has been in the program to make a video.

Other ideas that were shared included: cooking, quilting,

Zoom meetings just to talk to Omitama, posting pictures on Facebook and Instagram of things around town outside. Claire will ask Narumi if she can Zoom and will try to do a Google drive.

Japanese Language Lesson: Claire also had an idea to Zoom a teacher to learn Japanese. Barb will check with Naho to see if she has any suggestions and Heather will check with a teacher in Japan.

The board decided to cancel the curry rice dinner and silent auction. Mary will call St Andrews to cancel the parish hall.

Anything else?

Rick and Barb are needing to resign. Barbara's mother is moving in with them so they are considering a move to Manhattan.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020, on Zoom at 6 pm. Corina moved we adjourn and Mary seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Secretary,

Corina Ryland