

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR Feb 11, 2020

The Abilene Omitama sister city board meeting was called to order by Claire Anderson at 6:18 pm at the Abilene Public Library. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Scott Anderson, Andrea Taylor, Kevin Unruh, Audrey Corbett, Barb and Rick Johnson, and Mary Zey. Also in attendance were Heather Unruh and Jerry Rankin. (Marcus Rothchild, city liaison, before the meeting but could not stay.)

Approval of Agenda: Andrea moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8 E - auditorium rules, and Mary seconded. All in favor.

Approval of January minutes: Andrea moved to approve the minutes with following corrections: name Hiromi and January 2020 (not 19). Barb seconded. All in favor.

Comments and correspondence:

Arts Center in Salina - only 4 people attended.

News from Omitama - Narumi asked about numbers and virus concerns.

After discussion that included students going to Germany every other year the same year we do, lack of applicants (Claire had shared information with Chapman and Solomon but there was no response.), Tokyo Olympics and corona virus, Andrea made a motion to postpone the trip until next year and Scott seconded.

Posters for the performance at HS on Feb 29.:

Audrey: Bowling Alley, Wests, Copeland Insurance and M and M tire

Heather: Solomon Bank, Appearances, Tony Haug, Ortus Cafe

Mary: AMS, AHS, Zey's St. Andrew's

Rick and Barb: M and R Grill, Donut Palace, Senior Center, Frontier Estates, the three pharmacies, Joe Snuffy's, Pizza Hut, Rec. Center, Fitness center

Scott: RHV, Pioneer, Ikes, West stop gas station

Andrea: Smart Insurance, hospital, State Farm Insurance

Donna: Lumber House, Eisenhower Center, Sips

Financial report: Kevin shared that our budget includes the price of the ticket for the commissioner. Kevin made a motion and Mary seconded to pay the yokaso group \$70 per person for dinner and gas. All in favor. Barb moved and Scott seconded to approve the financial report. All in favor.

Friends of sister city: Corina made a motion that Jerry Rankin and Heather Unruh co-chair Friends of sister city to replace Mary Zey who is now a board member; and that we put both names on the bank account. Andrea seconded and all in favor. Mary will also contact Elizabeth Weese with the Community Foundation who keeps track of our Bob and Ellis Johnson Memorial, to change the contact person.

Japan Club: The next meetings are tomorrow and then the 28th of February.

Abilene February event: We will hang flyers (see above) and Corina will ask the high school for 5 tables. (Origami table, Bazaar table, Dress up table)

Barb will go visit the high school to get an idea of space. On February 21st board members will bring bazaar items to Claire between 10 and 12.

Barb made a motion and Rick seconded; all in favor of a story and ad in the Abilene newspaper. Claire will contact Eagle communications channel about recording the performance. Corina reviewed the rules for using the auditorium.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Abilene Public Library at 6pm. Audrey moved we adjourn, and Andrea seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Secretary,

Corina Ryland