

Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board

February 13, 2023, @6pm

Abilene Public Library Commission Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call Bill Marshall Andrea Taylor Corina Ryland Cindy Whittington
Kevin Unruh Mary Jean Eisenhower Jerry Rankin Audrey Corbett Ron Marsh city mgr.
LeAnn Johnson (city rep) Heather Unruh (Friends)
- III. Changes to and approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes
- V. Public comments and correspondence
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Friends of Sister City
- VIII. Japan Club
- IX. Old Business---Messages from Japan---Msg. from Jeffery---flight cost---insurance cost
Time of travel(dates)---hours of travel versus cost---cost of hotels versus cost---time of
leaving Abilene---number of applicants
- X. New Business---applicants outside of Abilene---possibility of meeting more than once a
month
- XI. Adjournment-Next meeting is TBD. Abilene Public Library Commission room.

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR January 10, 2023

The Abilene Omitama sister city board meeting was called to order by Bill Marshall at 6:00 pm at the Abilene Public

Library. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Cindy Whittington, Kevin Unruh, and newly appointed board member, Mary Jean Eisenhower. LeAnn Johnson, (new Marcus) and Ron

Marsh, city manager, were also in attendance.

Leann said she can help us with the website. Heather Unruh, friends, was also in attendance.

Jerry Rankin, and Audrey Corbett and Andrea Taylor were absent.

Approval of Agenda: Corina moved to approve the agenda and Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of December : Kevin moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cindy. All in favor.

Public comments, correspondence: See emails from Omitama from Azuki attached to agenda and continued

correspondence later in the minutes.

Financial report: Jan 1 we started with \$10, 000. The city will move \$6,241 from last year to scholarship status and

is holding the \$3000 to pay for the boot. Kevin moved and Mary Jean seconded a pay\$ 28.14 to Corina for Japan

leadership at AMS mailings. (Jerry was reimbursed for Japan club \$43 out from last year funds). Corina moved to

approve the finance report; Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Friends of Sister City: Heather was here; but no new news.

Japan Club: Jerry was absent so no report. Corina explained leadership students at AMS sent letters at Christmas. They have also been informed of the upcoming trip.

Trip: Bill suggested even though there is the concern of quarantine we move forward with the trip and pay no more

than 2 scholarships, taking 6 students and 3 adults. Ron will set up a newspaper interview with Bill and Jerry. Corina has shared information for announcements at the high school and middle school.

Boot - The size is 4 feet (50 l 50 h 20 w) and 40 pounds.

Bills's research has found mailing the boot would be about \$7000.

Mary Jean suggested going through the military to ship it.

Bill shared that if we get a boot that is

3 feet (this would mean no spur) it would cost \$895 dollars plus painting and we can carry on for \$200.
Kevin

moved and Cindy seconded scrapping the 4 foot boot. Corina moved getting the smaller 3 foot boot.
Mary seconded.

All in favor

Bill will send a notice to all board members to see if we can change meetings to the second Monday of the month. He

will also check with the library schedule.

Next meeting: NOTE CHANGE: 2nd Monday of the month . Feb 13th 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library

Commission Room. Kevin made a motion to adjourn and Corina seconded

The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm