

# Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board

March 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 Rev. Eric Anderson Audrey Corbett  
Claire Anderson Ron Marsh Leann Johnson 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 Boot update—student passport and vaccination update---city commissioner update--
- X. New Business 3000 dollar check to Arts council. What to do with left over money. Cost is 1500.
- XI. Adjournment-Next meeting is TBD. Abilene Public Library Commission room.

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ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR March 1, 2023 special meeting

The Abilene Omitama sister city board special meeting was called to order by Bill Marshall at 5:30 pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan room. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Cindy Whittington, Andrea Taylor, and Claire Anderson. Absent were: Heather Unruh, friends, Mary Jean Eisenhower, Audrey Corbett, Kevin Unruh, and newly appointed board member, Eric Anderson ( Jerry Rankin has resigned.) LeAnn Johnson and Ron Marsh, city manager, were also absent. Kelly Olson sat in for the city.

Approval of Agenda: Andrea moved to approve the agenda as edited ( add Eric and Claire to the roll call) and Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of February: Claire moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Andrea. All in favor.

Public comments, correspondence: None

Financial report: Kevin was absent. None

Friends of Sister City: Heather was absent. None

Japan Club: None. Jerry was absent.

Old business: After discussion of the interviews, Corina made a motion to approve Hayden, Jada and Kira as students going to Japan. Andrea seconded the the motion with the amendment that Hayden be selected for 100% of the city scholarship. All in favor. The Delegation will be three students and 3 adults; 6 total. The adults are Corina Ryland, Eric Anderson and Wendy Miller ( commissioner).

We looked up information about the Covid vaccine for students. They need to get the vaccines ASAP. Bill will check with Dickinson Health Department about appointments. We also discussed passports.

Corina shared information from Mary Zey about Kansas bread as a possible fund raiser. We discussed medical emergency front money. Bill sent travelers insurance information to Ron and the city attorney to look at. Corina moved and Claire seconded to have Bill do research on ticketing. However, nothing can be done until we have passports.

No update on the boot.

New Business: Bill shared that he was disappointed with the newspaper article. He had asked that money not be put into the article.

Bill asked that if he sends out an email everyone respond so he knows who received it. Also, please reply that you will or will not be attending the meeting,

Bob and Ellis Johnson scholarship: There is \$1230 available. Andrea moved that we give each student \$410 if they apply for the scholarship writing a short essay of how they would benefit. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Next meeting: 2nd Monday of the month . March 13th 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library Jordan Room. Corina made a motion to adjourn and Andrea seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

Corina Ryland  
Secretary