

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

The Abilene Omitama sister city board special meeting was called to order by Bill Marshall at 6:00 pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Cindy Whittington, Andrea Taylor, Claire Anderson, Audrey Corbett, and Eric Anderson.

LeAnn Johnson and Ron Marsh were also in attendance.

Absent were: Mary Jean Eisenhower, Kevin Unruh and Heather Unruh, friends,

Approval of Agenda: Andrea moved to approve the agenda as edited (added: talk about shirts and next year anniversary) and Eric seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of March: There are no minutes because Corina was absent. Those present remember discussing the following: Taking the delegates to a Japanese restaurant on May 21, about having meetings with the delegates and whether to do the bread fundraiser; no. Mary Jean was present last time and had offered gifts.

Public comments, correspondence: No news

Financial report: Kevin was absent. Bill spent \$225 on Hayden's passport. Claire made a motion to approve the expense and Andrea seconded.

Friends of Sister City: Heather was absent. None

Japan Club: None. Jerry was absent.

Old business: Boot update: It is in process of being made and will be shipped to the Arts Council. It will be ready to go by July 1st. We can ship it through United for \$200.

Fundraisers: At this point we decided to do nothing.

Omitama: On April 17 we are to get a message from Japan about host families.

On May 8th there will be new covid restrictions treating it like seasonal flu.

New Business: Eric shared that for the 40th anniversary Chiho wants to send messages to ALTs.

Eric and Corina will find the list and addresses of all past ALT's.

We discussed ordering our shirts for travel. Bill will look into prices using the belt buckle design.

Next meeting: 2nd Monday of the month . May 8th 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library Jordan Room. (Claire will be absent, as will Andrea) Corina made a motion to adjourn and Andrea seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Corina Ryland
Secretary