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To: billdeeinc
Subject: Re: minutes for June

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR June 12, 2023

The Abilene Omitama sister city board 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, Audrey Corbett, Claire Anderson and Eric Anderson. LeAnn Johnson was also in attendance. Absent were: Mary Jean Eisenhower, Kevin Unruh, Cindy Whittington, Andrea Taylor, Heather Unruh (friends) and Jerry Rankin (Japan club) and Ron Marsh, Guests: Hayden Smith and Kira's grandparents Marcey and Ken White were also in attendance. Later Kira joined by phone.

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

Approval of minutes of May: Claire moved to approve the minutes and Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Public comments, correspondence: Bill introduced guests. Kira's grandparents said thank you very much for offering such a great experience. Then Kira joined by telephone. (The delegates met at 4pm today and last Monday to prepare for the trip. They will meet again on July 10th at 4pm.)

Financial report: Kevin was absent so no report of last month.
Eric presented a bill for \$18.17 for delegate notebooks.
Corina was reimbursed \$320 for the Japan meal and penpals letters postage.
LeAnn shared that \$9597.79 is the balance,

Friends of Sister City: Heather was absent. None

Japan Club: None. Jerry was absent.

Old business:

Passports: Hayden's passport is still coming. Bill is working with Roger Marshall's office. He will find out more on Friday. However the board agreed that if his passport does not arrive by the 23rd of June, then Hayden can't go. Hayden has one shot left. Jada has a passport and is up to date on shots. Claire made a motion that we purchase tickets with the contingency that if Hayden can not use his ticket He can go in two years. Otherwise we will not purchase tickets. Eric seconded. All in favor.

Boot update: The boot is three feet tall with an imprint on it. Because of this the picture will be a little different. It is being painted now. We budgeted \$3000 but the boot costs approximately \$900 plus the cost for the lady who paints it.. Possibly \$1800.

Shirts: Orange shirts have been ordered and they should be ready in two weeks.

Tickets: At this time they are \$2700. Originally we'd planned for \$2000. There was discussion: if each person pays \$2000 can the board pay \$700 per person?
Also, can Eric Anderson represent the city and go as the city representative since he is on the planning commission? Audrey made a motion to assist delegates up to \$1500 beyond the \$2000 ticket as needed and Claire seconded. There were 4 yes votes. Eric did not vote.

New Business:

LeAnn shared that Sister City International has an annual meeting in Durham, North Carolina. The City will pay the registration but not the travel. It is from July 26- 28. No one in attendance was able to go.
Travel: Claire will drive the truck of luggage and one person. Bill will drive the others to the KCI airport.

Next meeting: The next meeting is July 10th, at 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. Corina made a motion to adjourn and Audrey seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Corina Ryland, Secretary

On Jul 4, 2023, at 7:16 PM, billdeeinc <billdeeinc@eaglecom.net> wrote:

No problem just messing around.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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