

Abilene Omitama, Sister City Board minutes for July 10, 2023

The Abilene Omitama sister city board was called order in the Abilene Public Library, Jordan room by Bill Marshall at 6:10 PM, after a board photograph with the boot that is our gift to Japan marking the 40th anniversary coming next year. The following were also in attendance: Kevin and Heather Unruh, Corina Ryland, Andrea Taylor, Mary Jean Eisenhower, Eric Anderson, and Ron Marsh arrived at 6:30 PM. Absent were Cindy Whittington, Audrey Corbett, Claire Anderson, and LeAnn Johnson. Jerry Rankin, Japan club was also absent

There were no changes to the agenda. Corina moved, and Andrea seconded, all in favor approval of the agenda.

There were no changes to the minutes. Kevin moved. Eric seconded, all in favor of approval of the minutes.

Public comments and correspondence: We took a photo with the boot. Bill will prepare the boot for shipping. The photo will appear in the newspaper, after the delegates have arrived in Japan, with an explanation of the boot.

Financial report: In June we spent \$321.55. We have remaining \$9615.96. The tickets have not been subtracted from this amount. There will be approximately \$1350 left. Eric submitted a bill for \$30.15 for printing to be reimbursed. The T-shirts also need to be subtracted. Mary moved, and Andrea seconded. All in favor of approval of the financial report.

Friends of sister city: Heather handed Corina a check for \$1200 to cash for the students from the Community foundation. They each received a \$400 scholarship.

Japan club: There was no report. Jerry was absent

Old business: Bill will pick up the boot and get it ready for shipping. The cost is still unknown. The boot was \$899 before painting and it will be approximately \$1700 when complete. All extra money will be put in the city scholarship. Bill brought the shirts. Corina took the ones for the delegate students. Eric took his and Bill has the rest. Corina also took a shirt for Azuki and the mayor, medium and large, which would have been one of the board member shirts and needs to be replaced.

New business: Bill and Claire will drive the delegates to the airport. We are leaving 24/7 at 1:30 AM sharp. Everyone must meet at 1 AM to weigh and load suitcases. Then on the 31st we return at midnight the Unruhs, Kevin and Heather, offered to pick them up from the airport. Mary moved that we pay gas expenses. We will fuel up before, and after the trip. All in favor. The mayor, Trevor is working on the speech that Eric will read at the welcome dinner.

The next meeting is the second Monday of August, August 14th, Monday at 6 PM in the Abilene Public Library Jordan room. Corina moved to adjourn. Kevin seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting ended at 6:50 PM.

Corina Ryland
secretary