

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR September 11, 2023
The Abilene Omitama sister city board meeting was called to order by Bill Marshall at 6:06 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; as well as LeAnn Johnson, after the city commission meeting ended. Absent were; Andrea Taylor, Kevin Unruh, Mary Jean Eisenhower, and Cindy Whittington. Friends of sister city co-treasurers Kim Shafer and Heather Unruh were both absent, as well as Jerry Rankin (Japan club) and Ron Marsh.

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

Approval of minutes of August: Claire moved to approve the minutes with a correction and Eric seconded. All in favor.

Correction: We suggested, if possible, the office worker would stay on longer or have an overlap year for training their replacement so we can have a better bond. It would be beneficial for both cities if the office worker could stay on for more than 2 or 3 years.

Financial report: Kevin absent. No report.

Leann said it was just what we thought; funds had not been added from ticket payments and we have approximately \$900.

Travel/ fuel receipts need to be submitted for taking delegates to and from the airport.

Friends of Sister City: Heather and Kim were absent. No report.

Japan Club: Jerry was absent. No report

Old business:

Banner: Bill will get quotes and is asking that it be hung during events.

Grants. We need to ask Heather about IKE grants for delegates' visit.

Rose: Friends of Sister City received a thank you from Janet Gibbs for Cliff's rose.

Gift from Japan: Bill presented it at the commissioners meeting, on Aug 28.

New Business:

Planning session for next year delegates:

Host family chair: Corina

Activities chair: Claire (Corina and Eric will help)

Transportation Chair: Andrea

Snacks coordinator: Audrey

Welcome and Farewell dinners: Kevin and Heather

Other discussion:

Bill will find out the dates for the rodeo. (We think it will be the first Thursday; first full week of Aug; Aug.1st. If Saturday and Sunday are the demo they may not want to leave until Monday.)

It was suggested that we show the movie The Wizard of Oz at the Great Plains Theater. Corina will pull up old calendars of activities.