

STILLWATER SISTER CITIES COUNCIL MINUTES
May 25, 2017

1. Call to Order – Larry Jones called the meeting to order at 5pm.
Members Present: Larry Jones, Sylvia Duncan, Linda Ely, Dale Durham, Alex Wall, Judy Nelson
Absent: Cindy Petree, John Mills, Becky Irby, Carolyn Confer, Bob Burk
2. Introduction of Guests – no guests
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 23, 2017 – Linda Ely made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Judy Nelson seconded the motion
All votes yes.
4. Council Reports/Possible Action
 - a) Sister School Program (Petree) – Stephanie Kinder announced Cindy Petree agreed to work with Kamoka and organize a writing exchange (short letters in English) between Honme Elementary School and the Stillwater Middle School.
 - b) Office of International Students and Scholars (Duncan) – Sylvia Duncan reported Sayaka Isoda has resigned from the Office of International Students and Scholars office.
 - c) Japanese Student Organization (JSA) – no report
 - d) Kameoka Room (Duncan) – no report
5. Items for Discussion/Possible Action
 - a) Wondertorium / Kameoka Art Exchange – Stephanie Kinder reported Kameoka has agreed to participate in the arts exchange for 2018. Stephanie Kinder will work with Kiyomi Kojima on the details of the exchange.
 - b) SCI Young Author/Artist Competition – The Sister Cities Council received a number of inquiries regarding the competition, but no entries were submitted. The Council expressed a concern that the theme this year implied students had to experience international travel to participate in the competition. It was suggested we contact Sister Cities International and provide input. This competition has been very successful locally and a number of our entries have placed well internationally. The Council hopes to continue this program.
6. Council/Staff announcements of items of interest to the Council. – Larry Jones received a thank you from the Japanese Potter, Hideki Nishijima and his wife, Yasue who recently traveled to Stillwater. The Sister Cities Council hosted a dinner in their honor.
7. Discussion of agenda items for future meetings. – Linda Ely will be out of town through September.
8. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm.