

SISTER CITIES RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2019

The Sister Cities Relations Committee of the City of Rohnert Park met this date at Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park, for a special meeting to commence at 4:00pm.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cyrel Tramel at 4.08pm

Roll Call

Present: Committee members Sachiko Knappman, Gay Deady, Cyrel Tramel, Olga Senyk

Absent: Shari Lorenz

Staff Present: Community Services Program Coordinator, Amanda Foley

Acknowledgement of Meeting Agenda Posting

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley acknowledged posting of the regular agenda in three public places per Brown Act requirements.

1. Approval of March Minutes

a. Member Deady motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Member Knappman seconded the motion.

2. Treasurers Report

a. Member Deady reported there have been no changes to the balance.

3. Hashimoto Student Ambassador Debrief

a. The committee reported they were pleased with the Hashimoto students and how outgoing and involved they were. Cyrel shared with Hashimoto our thanks for sending Koko and Shota. Chair Tramel would like to request more funding to send a second person to Hashimoto. Either another student or a teacher. Member Knappman suggested going to a school district board meeting to see if there would be interest in sending a teacher. Chair Tramel suggested creating sub committees for this topic.

4. Reception Debrief

a. Chair Tramel reported Kori will try to come to the May meeting to present to the committee what she plans on presenting to City Counsel.

b. Member Deady brought thank you notes to send to the host family. Member Knappman brought a package to send to Hashimoto as a thank you. The package included The Voice article write up about Sister Cities, chocolate, and a thank you note.

c. The committee suggested for next year's reception that it be held at a later time so more people can attend—ideally after school is out. It was also suggested to recruit students who have participated in the past to spread the word about the reception. Chair Tramel will work on getting points of contact from Rancho, Tech High, and Credo High School.

5. Matter's to and From Committee Members

- a. Member Knappman asked Member Deady to contact Rea to get feedback from the Hashimoto student ambassador's about what went well and what could have gone better with their experience.
- b. Chair Tramel requested Coordinator Foley check on host family legal paperwork.
- c. It was suggested to send out a "coming soon" ad to high schools in August to help promote the application process.


6. Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm



Cyrel Tramel, Chair



Amanda Foley, Community Services Program Coordinator