

Edmonds Sister City Commission

Meeting Date: March 25, 2013 – Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm. There were no guests for citizen input.

Attendance:

Pos 1 Michelle Van Tassell	Pos. 2 Ray Olitt	Pos. 3 Yoshitake Inoue
Pos. 4 Marlene Friend	Pos. 5 Kay Vreeland	Pos. 6 Rita Bailey Ikeda
Pos. 7 Iyoko Okano	Pos. 8 Kody McConnell	Pos. 9 Joseph Fletcher
Pos. 10 Beth Fuhriman	Pos. 11 Jill Van Berkom	Pos. 12 Paul Anderson
Staff Liaison: Carolyn LaFave	Student Rep. Michelle Rockstead	

Minutes: February 25, 2013, minutes reviewed by all parties present. No substantive revisions found. Moved to accept by Beth, seconded by Kody, unanimous consent pending grammatical and punctuation corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Interest income for 100 Public and 200 Private fund posted from February. Reimbursements processed to Rita for adult delegation orientation meeting expenses. Hubbard Family Foundation's grant response outstanding. Kody will investigate for answer prior to next meeting. Decision was advertised to be made this month.

Chair's Report: Mayor will be reviewing art gift to Hekinan. It is an oil painting by Andy Eccleshall with framing supplied by Barbara Mercer. Mayor will transport to airport and Iyoko will safeguard enroute to Japan. The Edmonds Arts Commission will also be bringing a gift for Hekinan counterparts. It was noted that Iyoko's translation of Edmonds Floretum Garden Club sister garden club plan was much appreciated.

PR Report: There was an article about Sister City in the Friends of the Library February-March Newsletter. Facebook Page now has 127 likes. Paul will provide regular delegation updates from Japan and Hekinan MyEdmondsNews.com. Community delegates are very excited to leave next week for Hekinan to celebrate 25th anniversary.

Staff Report: Carolyn coordinated the creation of beautiful crystal paperweights with ESCC new logo for gifts to Hekinan dignitaries. Mayor will take with him.

Official Correspondence: None

Old Business

Mayor's Delegation to Hekinan: Mayor to give speech to Hekinan dignitaries about the quarter-century Sister City relationship between Hekinan and Edmonds. Michelle and Yoshi to present official honorary letter of appreciation to counterparts. 27 delegates total will be representing the Edmonds community. A non-mandatory debrief of the delegation will be scheduled for April 28 to discuss insights into the Sister City relationship and to help plan for the Hekinan delegation's arrival in October.

Assistant English Teacher Update: Hekinan Board of Education inquired into the ongoing AET recruitment process. There has been a personnel change in Hekinan; Mr. Ishibashi will be new contact. The deadline for the AET application review is April 8, with candidates for final selection being presented to Hekinan by the middle of May. Five applications have been received so far. Will review applications at April meeting.

Five-Year Plan Review: Extensive discussion of details of ESCC strategic plan by all parties. Five-Year Plan document will be updated to incorporate recommendations agreed to by the commission.

25-Year Anniversary Planning: The Commission engaged in a lively exchange about potential additions to the event calendar and itinerary for the October adult delegation from Hekinan. A cultural event is planned preliminarily at the Edmonds Center for the Arts on October 30, 2013. Open brainstorming of other ideas included hiking trip to Hurricane Ridge, ice hockey games, and visits to arboretums on Bainbridge Island. Iyoko reminded the Commission about the 25th anniversary mural proposal. The commission will review expenditures in 2008 for 20th anniversary and encourages thinking about fund raising for expenses. The commission will attempt to have a plan underway for the celebration by May 1, 2013.

New Business

None.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.