

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 14, 2023
Meeting Location: City Auditorium and Video Conference
Members: Present:
Nefedov, Larisa Chair
Nowlin, Nicole Vice-Chair
Anderson, Kermit Secretary
Anderson, Jackie
Allen, Linda
Beechwood III, John
Unander, Sig
Members Absent: Stenson, Doreen, Treasurer
Guest: Pat Truax
Others:
Blackmun, Rich Absent
Ruggles, Anna Staff Liaison
Wenzl, Malynda Mayor, Liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by Nefedov. Due to COVID-19 the meeting was held via Zoom conferencing as well as in person at the City Auditorium.

2. Quorum Yes

3. Minutes

Minutes from the April 19, 2023, meeting were distributed and reviewed. Corrections to financial report made.

Motion: moved by Nowlin, seconded by Unander to approve the minutes as corrected.

Motion carried. A second correction was submitted by Stenson following the meeting. The SCC balance reflects \$500 cashed out from the Bottle Drop account, not \$1500.

4. Financial Report Treasurer Stenson

- a. SCC Account balance is \$6067.84.
- b. SCC Bottle Drop account is \$181.10.
- c. The above balances reflect \$500.00 cashed out from the Bottle Drop account and deposited in the general fund.

5. Liaison Reports a. City (Ruggles)

City Council is holding work sessions on efforts to address homelessness entitled Homelessness: Time, Place, and Manner. The Forest Grove City Hall's South Parking Lot has been proposed as a site for overnight camping.

b. Chamber (Wenzl)

Mayor reports she is unable to attend Chamber meetings. Notes from the Chamber Friday meetings will be forwarded by Ruggles going forward. Updates from Chamber board meetings remain to be accounted for.

6. Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)

No report

7. New Business

None

8. Old Business

a. Adult Delegation to Nyuzen

- 1) Nyuzen has accepted the head count for the delegation.
- 2) All delegates are expected to attend the 70th anniversary celebration. Mayor is expected to speak at both the delegation welcome and the anniversary celebration. Mayor requests details of expected duration of remarks and place in the program.
- 3) Dress code for the welcome is casual, and more formal for the 70th celebration.
- 4) Ruggles reports some tickets have been booked with more to follow.
- 5) Motion: moved by Nowlin and seconded by Beechwood III:\$1000 usually awarded to a Pacific University student to accompany the adult delegation to Nyuzen, instead this year be awarded to SCC Chair Larisa Nefedov. Motion carried.
- 6) Delegate orientation and reception is scheduled for July 19 4:30 pm-6:30 pm at the Black Dog Bar and Grill.
- 7) At the orientation Beechwood III will show his work on the gift Forest Grove will present to the city of Nyuzen. He and Nowlin will collaborate on an appropriate inscription for the gift.
- 8) In an effort to provide for a wider exposure of Forest Grove city departments, businesses, community organizations etc. to the people of Nyuzen, Pat Truax has proposed making a video featuring clips of individuals from each group appearing with a congratulatory banner. The video and banner are to be presented by the adult delegation at the 70th celebration.
Motion: moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Beechwood III. To pursue the production of a banner congratulating Nyuzen on 70 years as a city and the production of a video featuring various groups from Forest Grove with the banner for presentation by the adult delegation at the 70th anniversary celebration in Nyuzen.
- 9) Ruggles will clarify details on gift exchanges to take place with the delegates and hosts at the welcome dinner.

b. Student Delegation to Forest Grove

No action until adult delegation details are settled.

9. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 5:00 pm. In person City Auditorium

10. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.
Approved by SCC July 12, 2023.