

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 11, 2023
Meeting Location: City Auditorium and virtual
Members: Present:
Nefedov, Larisa Chair
Nowlin, Nicole Vice-Chair
Allen, Linda
Anderson, Kermit Secretary
Stenson, Doreen Treasurer
Anderson, Jackie
Unander, Sig
Members Absent: Beechwood III, John
Guest: Pat Truax
Pete Truax

Others:
Blackmun, Rich Absent
Phillips, Joyce Staff Liaison
Wenzl, Malynda Mayor, Liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Nefedov.

2. Quorum Yes

3. Minutes

Last meeting on September 6, 2023 did not have a quorum and minutes were not kept.

4. Financial Report Treasurer Stenson

- a. SCC Account balance is \$5043.55. This reflects a withdrawal of \$24.29 for Nowlin's expenses.
- b. SCC Bottle Drop account is cash: \$284.97.
- c. Expense Forms were distributed to the committee members to be used when requesting reimbursement for committee expenses.

5. Liaison Reports a. City (Phillips)

- 1) Phillips reported the city's upgraded website would be rolled out in January 2024 instead of October of this year.
- 2) Phillips mentioned some other city events including the 50th Festival celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the friends of the Forest Grove Library to be held on October 20 2:30-4:30 at the library.

b. Chamber (Phillips)

No Report

6. Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)

No report

7. New Business

None

8. Old Business

a. Student Delegation from Nyuzen

- 1) Host Families—The visiting delegation consists of eight students and three adults. Host families who have agreed to so serve plus four new applications ensure that we have secured hosts for all of our guests.
- 2) Activities
 - a) Pickup—Phillips and Nefedov are scheduled to pick up the delegation on Saturday 10/28 upon their 12:59 pm arrival at PDX.
 - b) The Delegation will be received at the City auditorium around 3:30 pm with name tags, and snacks.
 - c) Sunday—Delegates will spend the day with their host families
 - d) Monday—From 7:30 am-2:00 pm the students will be at Neil Armstrong Middle School. Suggestions for their time following the school and the welcome dinner included special events at Valley Art Center or the City Library.
 - e) Monday evening—Welcome dinner at 6:00 pm. The list of invitees included city council members, Japanese Consul General, Chamber Executive Director, school superintendent, host families, SCC Members. Catering for the dinner was discussed and former mayor Truax suggested utilizing a local restaurant like Miget's Island Grill for the community goodwill it will generate.
 - f) Tuesday—Various activities were suggested including visits to, Jim Dandy pumpkin patch, Public Safety Training Center, Bowling, police station, and fire station.

The activity schedule and other details will be finalized at our next meeting.

9. Next Meeting(s)

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5 pm virtual attendance only.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Approved on October 18, 2023.