

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 30, 2024
Meeting Location: City Auditorium and Zoom
Members Present:
Nefedov, Larisa Chair
Anderson, Kermit Secretary
Anderson, Jackie
Beechwood III, John Zoom
Blackmun, Rich Zoom
Nowlin, Nicole Vice-Chair, Zoom
Unander, Sig
Members Absent: Allen, Linda, Jones, Ariana
Others:
Phillips, Joyce Staff Liaison
Martinez, Karen City Counselor, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Nefedov.

2. Quorum Yes

3. Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of February 14, 2024 and April 24, 2024 were distributed and reviewed.

Motion: moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Nefedov approved the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report Treasurer Stenson

- a. Current balance \$4487.97
- b. Bottle Drop cash account balance as of May 15 is \$565.71 cash, the store credit balance is \$678.85.
- c. Stenson received SCC consensus for withdrawing \$500 for deposit in SCC bank account and will do this prior to next meeting.

5. Liaison Reports a. City (Martinez)

No Report

b. Chamber (Nefedov)

No Report—Chamber-SCC liaison mechanism still needs to be established. Pete Truax agreed to explore establishing a liaison with Chamber. Martinez will also

consult Councilman Rippe regarding setting up a communication channel to the committee.

6. Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)

No Report

7. Old Business

Adult and Student Delegations from Nyuzen

- a. Nyuzen accepted our proposed dates for their visit. The mayor and his assistant plus two adult chaperones for a maximum of 10 student will constitute the Nyuzen delegation. They will arrive Tuesday, Oct. 29. The mayor and his assistant will depart prior to the students and chaperones, leaving on XXXX with the students and chaperones leaving Nov. 1. The delegation requests homestay lodgings for everyone.
- b. Homestay families will need to be identified for the delegation. Phillips informed the committee that the host family forms will be available on-line considerably streamlining the process.
- c. The 35th anniversary dinner celebration will be scheduled for Oct. 30. Martinez informs the committee of a \$4000 budget for the event from the City.
- d. The search for a suitable and affordable venue is being conducted by Phillips and suggestions are requested.
- e. Student Activities for Oct. 30-31 were entertained.
- f. Oct. 29 Arrival-Plan for serving lunch and have a welcome reception in the Community Auditorium, following which host families pick up their guests. Gift bags are to be presented at this time; their contents will need to be determined.
- g. Oct. 30-Watershed Tour in the am and Fernhill Wetlands visit in the pm. Blackmun reminded the committee that inclement weather can make the wetlands visit difficult and a backup activity should be considered. The evening will include the 35th anniversary celebration dinner.
- h. Oct. 31-am Beechwood and Allen will explore alternating activities at the Valley Art Center presented by Allen and woodworking activity presented by Beechwood. Lunch at Pizza Schmitza was a big hit with the previous student delegation. Karaoke is suggested at the City Library in the pm. Later in the afternoon the Halloween trick or treat activity will take place.

8. Next Meeting(s)

Thursday, July 9, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Community Auditorium Conference Room and via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.