

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 5, 2024
Meeting Location:	City Auditorium and Zoom
Members Present:	
Nefedov, Larisa	Chair, Zoom
Allen, Linda	Zoom
Anderson, Kermit	Secretary
Anderson, Jackie	
Blackmun, Rich	Zoom
Nowlin, Nicole	Vice-Chair, Zoom
Stenson, Doreen	Treasurer, Zoom
Members Absent:	Beechwood III, John; Jones, Ariana; Unander, Sig
Guest:	Luvane, Maya
Others:	
Phillips, Joyce	Staff Liaison
Martinez, Karen	City Counselor, City Council Liaison

1.	Call to Order	
	Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Nefedov.	
2.	Quorum	Yes
3.	Minutes	
	Minutes for the meeting of August 1, 2024 were reviewed on line. <u>Motion: moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Allen to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.</u>	
4.	Financial Report	Treasurer Stenson
	a. Current balance \$4987.97. b. As of September 3 Bottle Drop cash account balance is \$145.00 and store credit balance is \$174.00.	
5.	Liaison Reports	City/Chamber (Martinez/Phillips)
	a. Martinez reported that Chamber Executive Director Claudia Yakos has agreed to serve as the liaison person to SCC. b. Phillips Reported on the Forest Grove Forward 2040 Vision Survey. Over 1200 surveys have been completed. Deadline for completion is September 30.	
6.	Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)	
	No Report	

7.	Old Business	Adult and Student Delegations from Nyuzen
	a. Nowlin reports new information has been received from Nyuzen regarding their travel details. b. <u>Tuesday, Oct. 29</u>-Delegation is scheduled to arrive at PDX at 2:32 pm. Estimated arrival in Forest Grove is approximately 4:00 pm. Mayor indicated that she can welcome the delegation at the city auditorium around 4:00-4:30. The gift bags will be distributed and host families can pick up their guests. c. <u>Wednesday, Oct. 30</u>-The students attending school this day from 7:30-2:30 following which they will have a walking tours of downtown Forest Grove. The plan for the adults will be to visit Sake One in the morning. Dauntlessjoin the walking tour with the students. Following the walking tour the delegates will return to their hosts home and get ready for the celebration dinner scheduled for 6:00 pm. d. <u>Wednesday, Oct. 30-Celebration Dinner</u>-Entertainment during the dinner was discussed. K. and J. Anderson attended the Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters barbershop festival to listen to the performers with the idea of possibly engaging them for the entertainment portion of the dinner. Differing opinions about the suitability of the barbershop singing for our entertainment. J. Anderson will contact a group with a more contemporary repertoire to ascertain their availability and conditions for performing. Additionally Nowlin will identify a contact person in the music department at Pacific University for possible musical entertainment options. e. Mayor Sasajima and his assistant are scheduled to return to Nyuzen Oct. 31. Blackmun has graciously volunteered to transport the mayor and his assistant to PDX, leaving Forest Grove at 4:30 am for their 7:00 am flight. f. <u>Thursday, Oct. 31, Halloween</u>-Beechwood and Allen are planning two art activities for the entire delegation from 9:00-11:00 am with refreshment available beginning at 8:00 am.. The delegation will go to lunch at Pizza Schmizza. The trick or treat event in downtown Forest Grove is from 1:00-5:00. g. <u>Friday, Nov. 1</u>-The Public Safety Center activity will be planned for the morning. Phillips is still waiting for confirmation of specifics. Lunch will be provided at La Sierra Mexican restaurant. A taco bar has been arranged with their management costing \$18.50 per person. Suggestions for the afternoon activities included bowling or gaming at the library or Gongaii Games in downtown Forest Grove. h. <u>35th Anniversary Gift to Nyuzen</u>-Ideas for a city gift to Nyuzen included various artworks as water color painting, of tulips gifted to Forest Grove planted at various locations around the city. No decisions were finalized and will need further consideration. Allen was asked to consult with local artists to determine what can be done at what cost. i. <u>Host Families</u>-Count of host families required needs to be determined. The five adults and eight students appear to be accounted for with specifics confirmed by next meeting.	

8.	Next Meeting(s)	Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Community Auditorium Conference Room and via Zoom.
9.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.