

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:	September 18, 2024
Meeting Location:	City Auditorium and Zoom
Members Present:	
Nefedov, Larisa	Chair
Allen, Linda	Zoom
Anderson, Kermit	Secretary
Anderson, Jackie	Present
Beechwood III, John	Zoom
Blackmun, Rich	Zoom
Members Absent:	Jones, Ariana; Unander, Sig; Nowlin, Nicole; Stenson, Doreen
Guests:	Truax, Pete former mayor
	Leuvane, Maya Forest Grove High School student volunteer
Others:	
Phillips, Joyce	Staff Liaison
Martinez, Karen	City Councilor, City Council Liaison
Wenzl, Maylinda	Mayor
Yakos, Claudia	Executive Director Chamber of Commerce liaison to the SCC

1. Call to Order		
	Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Nefedov.	
2. Quorum	Yes	
3. Minutes		
	Minutes for the September 5, 2024, meeting were distributed and reviewed. <u>Motion: moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Nefedov to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.</u>	
4. Financial Report	Chamber Executive Director Yakos	
	a. Current balance \$4988.13. b. Bottle Drop Account not presented.	
5. Liaison Reports	City/Chamber (Yakos)	
	a. Saturday, September 21 the 34 th Annual Valley Art Chalk Art Festival and the 60 th Annual Corn Roast will be held. Yakos described a variety of entertainment offerings to be enjoyed. b. Monday, September 23 the Leaders Luncheon at Pacific University.	

6.	Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)	
	No Report	
7.	Old Business	Adult and Student Delegations from Nyuzen
	Phillips distributed a schedule of events and activities for the delegations. <u>Oct. 29</u>-Delegation arrives. Nefedov asked Phillips to send invitations to appropriate individuals to ensure a well-attended welcome for the delegations on their arrival. <u>Oct. 30</u>-School day for the students, adults to Sake One and Dauntless Farm tour. Following school the committee decided to schedule both groups to attend the Monster Mash Halloween party at the library. <u>Celebration Dinner</u>-Phillips circulated the menu for the committee's perusal. The dinner is being catered. The entertainment portion of the evening is still being arranged. We are waiting for a response from the Pacific University Chamber Singers' availability. If they are not available the Timeless Quartet, in the barbershop style is an option. The committee decided to arrange the evening program to begin with introductions and addresses, followed by dinner with the entertainment at the end. The guest list for the dinner was distributed and reviewed. After a brief discussion, the committee decided to include all of the City Councilors. <u>Mayor Sasijima's and assistant's departure</u>-The mayor and his assistant will be taken to a hotel adjacent to the airport immediately following the dinner. Their flight to Japan leaves very early the following morning. <u>35th Anniversary Gift</u>-Allen was given a range of \$300-\$500 to spend on a gift to the City of Nyuzen. She will identify options and share them with the committee via email for evaluation prior to the next meeting. <u>Oct. 31</u>-In place of trick or treating on Main St. which is being held on a different day, the combined groups will take a guided tour of the Old Train Station and a walking tour of the city. <u>Nov. 1 Event Schedule</u>-After the Fernhill Wetlands tour an alternate activity such as Police or Fire station tour, library or park will need to be arranged for those students whose host families are unable to pick them up by 3:00. <u>Host Families</u>-Host families were finalized for all students and adults.	
8.	Next Meeting(s)	Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Community Auditorium Room and via Zoom.
9.	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.