

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 24, 2024
Meeting Location: City Auditorium and Zoom
Members Present:
Nefedov, Larisa Chair
Allen, Linda
Anderson, Kermit Secretary
Anderson, Jackie
Blackmun, Rich
Stenson, Doreen Treasurer
Members Absent: Beechwood III, John; Jones, Ariana; Nowlin, Nicole; Unander, Sig
Guest: Pete Truax, Pat Truax
Others:
Phillips, Joyce Staff Liaison
Martinez, Karen City Counselor, City Council Liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Nefedov.

2. Quorum Yes

3. Minutes

No minutes were submitted for the meeting of February 14, 2024. Phillips will send her notes to Secretary Anderson.

4. Financial Report Treasurer Stenson

- a. Current balance \$4487.97
- b. Bottle Drop cash account balance is \$525.24, and the store credit balance is \$630.29
- c. Stenson received SCC consensus for withdrawing \$500 for deposit in SCC bank account.

5. Liaison Reports a. City (Martinez-)

- a. Martinez presented a suggestion from Council in the interest of cost savings that SCC might consider exchanging delegations with Nyuzen every other year instead of every year as we have for the history of our sister city relationship (with two exceptions for extraordinary circumstances-pandemic, and nuclear emergency in 2011).

Only negative reactions to this suggestion were expressed by committee members.

b. Chamber (Nefedov)

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

6. Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)

No Report

7. Old Business

Adult and Student Delegations from Nyuzen

Nyuzen student delegation is coming for Halloween, exact dates to be determined. Four adults from Nyuzen will comprise an abbreviated adult delegation, which includes the two adult chaperons from the student delegation. This will be the 35th anniversary of our sister city exchanges. The ensuing discussion included brainstorming contributions from the committee concerning transportation, reception, dinner, guest lists, possible venues, catering possibilities, delegation activities, school opportunities for the students and a SSC historic PowerPoint presentation. No definite decisions were made concerning any of the above items.

8. Next Meeting(s)

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Community Auditorium Conference Room and via Zoom

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm.