

Forest Grove/Nyuzen Sister Cities Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 16, 2024
Meeting Location: City Auditorium and Zoom
Members Present:
Nefedov, Larisa Chair
Allen, Linda Zoom
Anderson, Kermit Secretary
Anderson, Jackie
Beechwood III, John
Jones, Ariana Zoom
Nowlin, Nicole Vice-Chair (Zoom)
Stenson, Doreen Treasurer
Members Absent: Martinez, Karen; Blackmun, Rich; Unander, Sig
Guests:
Leuvane, Maya Forest Grove HS student volunteer (Zoom)
Truax, Pat
Others:
Phillips, Joyce Staff Liaison
Yakos, Claudia Executive Director Chamber of Commerce, liaison to the SCC
(Zoom)
Martinez, Karen City Council liaison

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Nefedov.

2. Quorum Yes

3. Minutes

Minutes for the meeting of September 18, 2024 were distributed and reviewed.

Motion: moved by J. Anderson and seconded by Beechwood to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

4. Financial Report Chamber Executive Director Yakos

- a. Current balance \$4988.13.
- b. Bottle Drop credit \$251.81, cash \$209.84

5. Liaison Reports City/Chamber (Yakos)

- a. 11.09.2024 Forest Grove Wine Walk - All are encouraged to plan to attend this relatively new community event.

- b. 11.29.2024 The Holiday Tree Lighting at 6:00 pm at the Forest Grove Senior and Community Center, all are encouraged to attend and bring friends and neighbors.

6. Subcommittees Updates—Latin American (Nefedov)

No Report

7. Old Business

Adult and Student Delegations from Nyuzen

The committee discussed and clarified final preparations for the delegates arrival Oct. 29.

- a. Transportation arrangements for Sat., Nov. 1 include Nefedov accompanying the delegate to PDX, with Pete Truax driving the bus.
- b. City department directors have all been notified and requested to assemble at the city auditorium to welcome the delegates upon their arrival.
- c. Yakos agreed to coordinate the production of a banner by Miracle Sign Co. to display Forest Grove's welcome at the auditorium.
- d. The committee reviewed and confirmed details for the schedule of events for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A request for the celebration dinner was to arrange for servers to assist the diners to standardize serving sizes.
- e. Phillips reported approximately 68 RSVPs have been received for the celebration dinner.
- f. The tulip painting was approved as the city gift.
- g. All committee members are earnestly encouraged to consult the event schedule spreadsheet and signify the activities and events in which they are available to participate.

8. Next Meeting(s)

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Community Auditorium Room and via Zoom.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.