

# Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board

December 11, 2023 @6pm

Abilene Public Library Commission Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call Bill Marshall Andrea Taylor Corina Ryland Cindy Whittington  
Kevin Unruh Mary Jean Eisenhower Eric Anderson Audrey Corbett Claire Anderson  
Ron Marsh Leann Johnson Heather Unruh (Friends) Jerry Rankin (Japan Club)
- III. Changes to and approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of minutes
- V. Public comments and correspondence: emails from Japan-
- VI. Financial Report
- VII. Friends of Sister City
- VIII. Japan Club
- IX. Old Business -update on banner-Parade info-Wizard of Oz-
- X. New Business: Arrival date?-welcome dinner-Float for parade with city-places to visit for  
delegation? Transportation? Where to feed delegation after parade? Host families?
- XI. Adjournment-Next meeting is TBD. Abilene Public Library Commission room.

Approval of minutes of October: Cindy moved to approve the minutes and Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Public comments and correspondence: Eric shared that he was interviewed by the Omitama international report. Harumi's son interviewed him. He will send us an email of the article. Eric was also in the Abilene newspaper telling about the trip.

Bill responded to the October email from Azuki in Japan, asking our questions. He did not get a reply.

Financial report: Kevin reported "we are fine" We have just over \$800.

Friends of Sister City: Heather and Kim were present and Heather gave a report about roses.

Japan Club: Jerry was absent but sent a report:

"Japan Club began meeting in September on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month for fourth and fifth graders.

In September I shared a little about our Sister City and we practiced a Japanese self-introduction.

In October I talked about Katakana (one of three writing systems in Japanese) and we wrote our names in Katakana.

In November, since there is a sumo tournament going on, we will talk about sumo and watch some of the bouts.

December will be bonenkai (year end party)."

Old business:

Banner: Banner quote from Last Chance is \$675. Bill will get two more quotes.

Grant: There was a mistake; it is an IKE program, not grant.

Rodeo and Parade: Rodeo is Tuesday, July 30th to August 2nd. The parade is Tuesday the 30th.

Wizard of Oz: Bill found out we can play the Wizard of Oz original version at Great Plains for \$50. The date has been set. Bill will get back to us as to the exact date (Monday or a Tuesday).

New Business:

Elections: Voting in December. We need to nominate and vote on our 2024 slate officers.

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary:

The next meeting is Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. Claire made a motion to adjourn and Audrey seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:46pm

Corina Ryland, Secretary