

Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board
February 12, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room

Agenda for Board Meeting:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Changes to agenda/Approval of agenda
- III. Approval of minutes of January 2024 meeting
- IV. Public comments, correspondence
 - A. News from Omitama
 - B. Public presentations
 - C. Official correspondence
 1. Confirmation of dates
 2. Numbers of delegates
- V. Financial report
 - A. Income/expense report for January 2024
- VI. Friends of Sister City – Heather Unruh
- VII. Japan Club – Jerry Rankin
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Follow up:
 1. Buses
 2. Use of business signs
 3. Friendship Water
 4. Meeting Dates
- IX. New Business
 - A. Review of Board By-Laws
 - B. Inventory of current supplies
- X. 2024 Delegation
 - A. Host family recruitment
 - B. Possible delegation activities
- XI. Adjourn – next meeting TBD in the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room

ABILENE- OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES FOR January 17, 2024

The Abilene Omitama sister city board meeting was called to order by Claire Anderson at 6:02 pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. The following board members were also in attendance: Cindy Whittington, Corina Ryland, Audrey Corbett, Kevin Unruh, Bill Marshall, Eric Anderson, and Andrea Taylor.

Leann Johnson was present from the city. Jerry Rankin (Japan club) and Ron Marsh were absent. Friends of sister city co-treasurer Kim Shafer was here, as well. Mary Eisenhower has resigned.

Approval of Agenda: Andrea moved and Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of December meeting: Andrea moved and Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Public comments and correspondence:

News from Omitama: None. Claire has sent Azuki a letter but has not heard from her.

Public: Eric shared he will do the scheduling.

Letter from Azuki: Claire emailed Azuki and has not heard back.

Valentine Cards: Claire brought valentines; all signed

Financial report: Kevin reported he does not have the same report as Leann.

We have \$10,000 for 2024.

Andrea moved that \$1218.25 remaining funds from 2023 be moved to the scholarship fund.

Seconded by Cindy. All in favor.

Corina moved we accept Kevin's financial report. Cindy seconded. All in favor.

Friends of Sister City: Kim was present but there is no report.

Japan Club: Jerry was absent. No report.

Old business:

Corina did not talk to Mel about First Christian Buses. She will do that this month.

Welcome Dinner - Claire will contact Mary Jean.

Cindy said the family on Poplar and 3rd will be glad to allow sister city to sit on their lawn.

Claire has not checked on business signs; she will do that.

Leann - Dawn James can make a banner at the high school. Leann will ask for 2 banners and check on how long we have to come up with the concept. (Dawn replied no rush to email LeAnn sent during the meeting.)

Leann - has a parade committee she is getting to set up and will give more information in February.

Bill - left two messages no answers.

New Business:

Friendship Water: Corina moved that we keep the label; Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Claire will let Bob know that we want to keep the label.

Meeting Dates: At this time we will keep Monday meetings.

Teacher Involvement: Corina will ask Mel if she is interested in helping to encourage students and be part of sister city.

Leann will ask Ron about speaking at KABI.

2024 Delegation

Host Family recruitment approximately July 28-10

Andrea will host second week

Kim would host boys or girls youth

Cindy will host girls.

Kevin might host adults

Bill has room for adults

Eric would host adult

Corina will check with Sam Geisenger.

Delegation activities: The following were suggested and discussed:

Is Pioneer camp still available?

Hildebrande activities Melissa Reed (fall activities)

Eisenhower/Old Abilene

Parade/fair

Abilene downtown day; tossed and sauced fire dept / library

Library has activities during week of fair

Bison in Wamego

Rec - pickle ball and pool tables

Salina: Kenwood cove swimming, Arcade / The district;

The arts council - Sam G.

The next meeting is Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. Bill made a motion to adjourn and Andrea seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Corina Ryland, Secretary