

Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board
June 11, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Jordan Room, Abilene Public Library

Agenda for Board Meeting:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Changes to agenda/Approval of agenda
- III. Approval of minutes of May 2025 meeting
- IV. Public comments, correspondence
 - A. Cindy Whittington resignation
- V. Friends of Sister City – Heather Unruh
- VI. Japan Club – Jerry Rankin
- VII. Financial report
 - A. Income/expense report for May 2025
- VIII. Delegate preparation
 - A. Financial help for delegates
 1. Scholarships for students
 2. Johnson Memorial Fund for adults
 - B. Tee shirts
 - C. Kim Shafer – Flight expense
- IX. Adjourn – Next meeting is July 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Abilene Public Library.

ABILENE-OMITAMA SISTER CITY BOARD MINUTES May 14, 2025

The Abilene-Omitama Sister City Board Meeting was called to order by Kevin Unruh at 6:07 pm at the Abilene Public Library. The following board members were also in attendance: Corina Ryland, Kim Shafer, Audrey Corbett, Jenny Hiatt, and Heather Unruh (Friends of Sister City). Absent were Claire Anderson, Cindy Whittington, Ron Marsh (Abilene City Representative) Jennifer Hager, and Mary Montgomery.

Changes/Approval of Agenda: Jennie moved, with the correction of April and May, the removal of approval of delegates and an addition of line X funds under new business, to accept the agenda. Audrey seconded. All in favor.

Approval of minutes of April 2025 meeting: Jennie moved and Kim seconded to accept the minutes. All in favor.

Public comments, correspondence:

Sister City International: Jennie didn't get a follow up from International.

News from Omitama: None

Friends of Sister City: Heather shared that Kim put in \$1800 deposit. (Braids deposit) She also shared that the Community Foundation is giving us \$1230 for the delegates.

Friends is holding \$3945 for the trip for the delegates.

Heather will make sushi and soba and practice with chopsticks at her house on July 13 at 6pm.

Japan Club: Jerry Rankin was absent; no news.

Financial report: Kim reported that we have \$12,129 in scholarship. Our general fund is at zero because we are in city audit, but we have \$10,000. (Still at zero for April.)

Jennie moved to accept the report and Audrey seconded. All in favor

Delegate preparation:

Next meeting: Sunday, May, 25

(Sunday, June, 22 will be our last meeting at the church and Sunday, July 13 will be at Heather's home.) Jerry came in April language and share about Omitama. At the May meeting we will bring the t shirt design. Jennie will give Brandon the form to fill out.

Gift: Corina shared a picture of the chimes at Wilkin's Acres. Kim moved to purchase them as our city gift. Audrey seconded. All in favor. Corina will take care of it.

New business:

Friends' Motion Funds:

Due to increase in airfare and travel insurance Corina moved we give \$500 to each student from the city scholarship and the Bob and Ellis Johnson scholarship of \$1230 be split among the 8 students and 3 adults to cover travel insurance (Sister City will cover Kim and Audrey). Kim seconded. All in favor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Abilene Public Library, Jordan Room. Corina made a motion to adjourn, and Audrey seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Corina Ryland, Secretary