

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday,

December 9th, 2020

---(Via Zoom Call)---

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call -

***Chair Sirchuk called the meeting to order at 6:04.***

***Commissioners Sirchuk, Jacobs, Valerie Snider, Zelda Holland and Jamie Brown were present***

2. Reading and approval of minutes -

***Evan made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections - Maryann seconded - The minutes were approved unanimously upon the correct spelling of Haiku - spelling correction for the November 4th meetings***

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    - Topics: [Richmond Shimada Culture and Community Fair](#)
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- Ideas for a gift basket
  - *local honey - Evan*
  - *crafts*
  - *create a calendar that could feature pictures in Richmond or pictures from previous visits, beekeeper, Richmond sites.*
    - *Mary will research the cost and vendors*
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  - *commemorative poster to send next year*
- Proposed future Joint Zoom meetings with Shimada commissioners in Japan
  - *Pending response from Shimada - Evan will follow up with Takashi*
- Calling or creating an instructional brochure for senior members on navigating zoom.
- Penpal opportunities with Shimada Residents (**Adults**)
  - *We still have four Japanese penpals ready for letters!*
    - *Email correspondence acceptable*
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*Trina to reach out to absent members to inquire of interest to continue*

- i. Robyn Rickansrud
- ii. Forest Borie