

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Minutes

Wednesday, January 5th, 2022

---(Via Zoom Call)---

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82336607965?pwd=RnczeHpwNXJLZ1hoeFdpQmInM3Z5dz09>

Meeting ID: 823 3660 7965

Passcode: 020321

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

(Highlighted or checked Names Attended)

- Evan Sirchuk, Chair
- Valerie Snider, Secretary
- Maryann Maslan, Commissioner
- Jamie Brown, Commissioner
- Yas Aoki, Commissioner
- Esther Takeuchi, Commissioner (Vote By Email)
- Zelda Holland, Commissioner
- Robyn Rickansrud, Commissioner
- Trina Jackson-Lincoln, Staff Liaison
- Arianna Rodriguez (Guest/Former Ambassador)

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- Present
- On hiatus until the pandemic allows in-person meetings. Commissioners have expressed that they are not able to participate virtually.

2. Reading and approval of minutes – *The commissioners reviewed the minutes. There was no vote to approve the minutes due to a lack of a quorum.*

3. Commissioner Reports – *No reports*

4. Input on Agenda

5. Important Business

- 60th Anniversary Event
 - Evan is shipping gift basket
 - Need to submit receipts.

- *Thank you everyone for making this a success! The event was successful. Approximately 25 participants attended the watch party. Former host families and student ambassadors shared their experiences with counterparts during the zoom celebration. Evan facilitated the meeting from the Richmond side. Commissioners expressed their gratitude and excitement to be able to see and chat with friends in Shimada, Japan. Japan officials and students recited a group message and participated in a conversation exchange the Richmond students. Bento Boxes, commemorative shirts and tote bags were well received by participants. Liaison Bates attended and provided remarks. Dominique Jackson prepared a presentation of pictures to document the event. \$186 was donated by attendees.*
- **Checking in on Tasks**
 - Can accept \$200 in funds from the mayor discretionary fund. *The commission will continue to explore other potential fiscal sponsors.*
 - Find Alternate to:
 - <https://www.caljapansistercities.org/>
CJSCN
 - <https://theintersection.org/>
One Possible option
 - Purpose of funds is to purchase a GoPro 360 Camera
 - Initially, it was to prepare videos to share for the 60th Anniversary. The camera will be used to record the walking tours to share with Shimada counterparts to provide virtual site-seeing experiences of local areas.
- **What next?**
 - **Mapping out future goals.**
 - **Adapting to a Zoom pal/correspondence based program.** – *Commission will continue to explore this idea*
 - **Discord Movie Night - Students on Each Side - Tabled**
 - **Mid April**
 - **Reviewing Emails From Japan Side.**
 - [Gathering Details About Photos for Richmond Infoboard in Shimada](#)
 - **New leadership in March** – *Discussion will be continued to a future meeting.*

6. Good of the Order/Adjournment

Useful Resources:

[Programs Proposed by the Shimada Side](#)

[Richmond Shimada 60th Event Schedule](#)