

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Committee Minutes

November 4, 2015

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Marilyn Alford. Present were Maria Suwabe, Esther Takeuchi, Yas Aoki, Zelda Holland, Trina Jackson, and Steve Pinto.

Maria Suwabe is a potential commissioner applicant who worked for the Mayor in San Francisco. She believes that she can help with homestays and she would also like to be a commissioner.

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved.

III. Input on Agenda

We discussed the agenda for tonight's meeting. There were no amendments.

IV. Commissioner Reports

Keiko Nelson will visit Mr. Osada in Shimada, during her trip to Japan.

Yas Aoki brought a magazine that highlighted the Shimada Museum. The magazine included a section about the Peace Dove Project.

V. Important Business

a. Application Updates

Trina Jackson put the announcements for the for the June 2016 Youth Ambassador trip to Shimada, Japan, in the display case at City Hall.

The applications have been given to the commissioners to distribute to schools in the district. The applicants will now need to apply online.

b. Budget Updates

Josh Miklich submitted the treasurer's report.

c. Sister City Evaluations

Once scheduled in 2016, Esther Takeuchi is willing to go with JACL members to City Council, regarding the sister city evaluation.

d. March Visit Homestay Procurement

*The students from Japan will arrive in March and stay from March 20th to March 29th.
The visit will include 8 students and 1 adult.*

Esther Takeuchi said that the JACL could help with a scholarship for one of the applicants.

VI. Good of the Order/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zelda Holland, Secretary