

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Minutes

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

- I) Call to Order - 6:10pm; attending were Yas Aoki, Esther Takeuchi, Josh Miclich, Evan Sirchuk, Trina Jackson, Marilyn Leong Lee, guests Valerie Snider and Chris Gioia.
- II) Reading and approval of minutes - edited; motion to accept with edits by Esther Takeuchi and seconded by Yas Aoki.
- III) Input on Agenda - Requested that Trina check the status of Valerie Snider's application to become a Shimada Commissioner application
- IV) Commissioner Reports - Gratitude expressed by Esther to Evan, Marilyn, Valerie, Josh for their participation with the Shimada adult delegation visit; had a good time and enjoyed.
- V) Important Business

- a) Treasurer's Report - \$200 left in city budget; Trina to provide itemized tally of costs; green tea donated by Shimada
- b) Debriefing on Adult Visit - Valerie had a good time; all went well; delegates enjoyed activities; thanks to Evan for providing home for Welcome gathering; thanks to Trina for sending emails to city representatives - Mayor Butt and city council members Eduardo Martinez and Ada Recinos participated in activities; the City Council will be encouraged to attend the Obi Festival in 2019
- c) 2018 Summer Ambassador Program (ticket purchase, orientation status) - Air tickets purchased; next Orientation is 5/19, 9:00am-12:00pm at Commissioner Yas Aoki's home; informal Orientation with former ambassadors may be planned.
- d) Fundraising – tea purchases and donations, other fundraising ideas: direct appeal; Evan suggested dropping off frames with photos to Fire Dept, Lucas Films, Google, the Richmond Rotary - one way to seek donations is to be a speaker at a luncheon; Trina to get current and former Rotary chair's names.
- e) Other - Evan suggested splitting Shimada group, decreasing tourist activities and plan more

activities to build deeper friendships; Yas suggested Shimada may need to improve their Orientation to their delegates

VI) Good of the Order/Adjournment - 8:05; next meeting scheduled for June 6 at 6:00pm in the Shimada Room.