

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Minutes

I) Call to Order – 6:05pm

Evan Sirchuk, Marilyn Alford, Zelda Holland, Chris Gioia, Yas Aoki, Esther Takeuchi, Steve Pinto, Josh Milkich and guest Valerie Snider (former host family) and Trina Jackson

Valerie Snider submitted an application to be appointed as a commissioner. Trina will submit to the City Clerk's Office

II) Reading and approval of minutes – Marilyn moved that the commission approve the minutes with corrections; seconded by Evan

III) Input on the Agenda

- a. Discussion topics when Evan visits Shimada from April 13-15, 2018.
- b. Valerie Snider mentions that a delegation is coming April 26-May 2, 2018, but it isn't being coordinated by the Richmond-Shimada Commission

IV) Commissioner Reports

- a. Evan Sirchuk – The applicant interviews went well.
- b. Marilyn Alford – no report
- c. Yas Aoki – No report
- d. Esther Takeuchi
 - i. Received an email from Yoshinori Yagi aka Tom Cruise. He is doing much better and back to work.
 - ii. The owner of Albany Bowl gave Esther a certificate to bring up to 10 bowlers for the excursion on Thursday – 2 to 4pm
 - iii. Arrange to sell tea as a fundraiser
- e. Zelda Holland
 - i. Saw former Commissioner Antonio Russell; he sends his regards.

V) Important Business

- a. Decision Making on 2018 Ambassadors
 - i. Helen is approved conditionally. She is a legal permanent resident of the US and a citizen of Honduras. She needs to renew her Honduras passport, Marilyn Alford researched the matter and indicated that as long as she has her legal permanent resident status to re-enter the USA. It is suggested that we check with the Japanese Consulate. Commissioners Aoki and Takeuchi indicate that the commission should not send anyone to Japan w/ a green card. The applicant is in the process of renewing her passport. She will be informed that she is approved under the condition that she gets her passport or the appropriate documents to the USA. Sirchuk will also confer with Osada in Japan.

- ii. Brian Regalado (Kennedy); Arianna, Kris and Helen (El Cerrito). Alternates Ella (DeAnza) and Ysabella (Hercules).
 - iii. Marilyn will contact candidates
- VI) Updates on Host Family Search for March
 - a. Valerie
 - b. Kanani
 - c. Dylan
 - d. Briana
 - e. Chris Gioia
 - f. Kris Rickansrud
 - g. Michelle Fong will host the teacher – if needed
- VII) Updates on School Visits
 - a. El Cerrito and Leadership are agreeable to a visit
 - i. Leadership requested the ambassadors teach their students origami
 - b. Sharolyn indicated that she can provide transportation
 - c. Alford booked the Richmond Senior Center for the Welcome and Sayonara
 - d. Wed, 3/21 - Snider can help to chaperone on Wednesday, 3/21. ~~Trina and~~ Evan will help with set-up. Esther offered to bring food and to help with the orientation
 - e. Thu, 3/22 – Tai Chi at the Senior Center 8-9:30am, NIAD tour from 10am – 10:45am, lunch at Wildcat Canyon 11am to 1:00pm; bowling 1:45pm to 4pm
 - f. Fri, 3/23 – drop off at parking lot at 8am; Washington 8:30am to 11am, El Cerrito 11:30am to 1:30am w/ bag lunch, Fire Department 2-3pm, RYSE Center from 3:30 to 5pm w/ pick up from parents
 - g. Sat, 3/24 – Fri, 25 with host families
 - h. Mon, 3/26 – Hercules 8:30am to 12:00pm, Trina can tentatively chaperone, LEAP/Council Office from 1-2:30pm, RAC 3-5pm (Trina to check with LEAP and RAC for new date and time) and Chris
 - i. Tue, 3/27 – Kennedy 8:30 – Noon, Fieldtrip Day w/ Evan Noon to 5pm – pick up at el Cerrito plaza – Evan chaperoning
 - j. Wed, 3/28 – Leadership 8:30 to Noon, Pt Richmond – lunch at Miller/Knox, Rosie the Riveter Museum – pick up at 4pm and Sayonara Dinner 6pm to 8:30pm – Chris (Josh and Marilyn tentative) chaperones
 - k. Thu, 3/29 Richmond High 8:30 – Noon, Lucas Film (tentative) then to SF to hotel
 - l. Trina to invite the City Council to the Welcome and Sayonara receptions – provide the full itinerary
- VIII) Good of the Order