

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

MINUTES

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room
440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

- I) Call to Order meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Present were Commissioners Marilyn Lee, Yas Aoki, Valerie Snider, Evan Sirchuk, and Josh Milich. Guests Robyn Rickansrud and Ariana
- II) Reading and approval of minutes Marilyn moved to approve the minutes, second by Valerie. The vote was unanimous
- III) Input on Agenda an item was added to the agenda: "Vote to reduce quorum to 3 people" (item #4)
- IV) Commissioner Reports no commission reports
- V) Important Business

1. Shimada Commission Elections

- Do we need to vote to confirm this? Steve Pinto is taking a break from commission duties. Proposed offices: Co-Chairs: Marilyn and Evan
- Secretary: Valerie
- Treasurer: Josh -- Marilyn moved to accept the recommendations. Yas second the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. 2019 Summer Ambassador Applications

The commission received 8 applications; however, 1 of the applications does not include a teacher recommendation. Marilyn will inform the student that he is not eligible, due to the lack of the teacher rec.

- Planning student interviews.
 - i. Interview room reserved for 1/23/2018 Interviews will begin at 4:30
 - ii. Which room? The Richmond Room, #450
 - iii. Who can join the interview team? Interviewers: Yas, Evan, Trina, Val, Marilyn or Alexa. Yas suggested having an interviewer who is not on the commission. The commission will consider this next year.

- How are we doing on teacher applicants? No applications received. Marilyn will ask Trina to send an email to district teachers to solicit teacher applications.

3. Japanese Student visit in March

- Check-in on Host family status: Three host families confirmed. There will be 4 boys and 4 girls (plus female sensai)
 - i. Marilyn will be out of town so we will check back on this.
 - Steve Pinto will host Takeo from March 21st to the 26th. Takeo not officially part of the ambassador group.
4. Vote to reduce quorum to 3 people: To be tabled - we need to check with Trina about the proper procedure for this action.

VI) Good of the Order/Adjournment meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Useful Information:

The next group of Japanese ambassadors.

- March 21st until March 31st.
- 10 days total
 - We are not sure which day they will be staying in the hotel
- One or two adults and 8 students.