

# Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

## Minutes

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

### 1. Call to Order - 6:04 PM

Present were Commissioners Marilyn Leong Lee, Yas Aoki, Esther Takeuchi, Robyn Rickansrud, and Zelda Holland

### 2. Reading and approval of minutes - April Minutes approved with motion by Robyn Rickansrud and seconded by Esther Takeuchi

### 3. Input on Agenda - air ticket prices for June Summer Ambassador trip are high (over \$2300; plan to wait until after Golden Week; suggestion to fly SFO to LAX to Haneda Airport; Marilyn to contact travel agent

### 4. Commissioner Reports:

- a. Esther Takeuchi- nice group of Shimada guests this March; more boys than girls participated; students got along and were supported well; suggestion - Richmond city billboard to announce March 2020 Shimada Ambassadors

### 5. Important Business

- Next Orientation for Richmond Ambassadors - 5/18/19, 9:00-12:00 @ 2703 Sonoma St, EC;  
3rd Orientation - TBD; casual get together with alumni Ambassadors and fieldtrip of Richmond
- Discuss Japanese Student visit
  - Wins - flawless; great activities - Rubicon, bowling, school visits

- Lessons Learned - Pixar (contact through Nat Bates); find out availability schedule of Richmond Senior Center before scheduling Welcome and Sayonara Party (classes held on Tue and Thur evenings)
  - How can we retain host families?
  - Obi Maturi Visit in October - Raija Rickansrud and Steve Kirby. City of Richmond Officials: Councilmember Nat Bates, Councilmember Eduardo Martinez and Staff Liaison Trina Jackson
  - Review Note for meeting with Takeo Tanaka – Proposed to come every two years
6. Good of the Order/Adjournment - 6:58 PM, motioned by Esther Takeuchi and seconded by Yas Aoki