

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

1. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners Evan Sirchuk, Yas Aoki, Valerie Snider, Josh Miklich and staff Trina Jackson

2. Reading and approval of minutes

The minutes were reviewed, but not approved due to a lack of a quorum

3. Input on Agenda

No input

4. Commissioner Reports

- a. **Evan Sirchuk - Went to dinner with Steve Pinto, who is hosting a guest from Shimada - Evan, Valerie, Steve and Mitsuyo Ohata (former host family) is currently visiting and being hosted by Steve Pinto.**
- b. **The field trip went well. The ambassadors enjoyed the camaraderie**
- c. **Takeo from Shimada suggested an additional teacher to visit Richmond with the Shimada Ambassadors as an apprentice to shadow the teacher chaperone. Evan suggested an exchange with adults during the month of August to promote business exchange - could visit the RCOC.**
- d. **No other reports**

5. Important Business

- a. **Shimada Ambassador send-off details. Appreciation was expressed to those that attended. Commissioners are asked to be present when they return.**
- b. **Fundraising, let's review options for 2019 – All recommendations were accepted.**
 - Direct appeal
 - Submit application to Richmond Rotary
 - Other city Rotaries
 - Appeal to John Gioia

■ We are almost a county wide program.

- Richmond Rotary application
- Chevron – **Trina to provide contact to government affairs person**

c. Presentation to the City Council - **Informational in October or November and include information about the Obi Festival**

- Format
- Presenters
- Theme
- Materials (What we can show)
 - Historical and present

d. Obi Matsuri

- 12th - 14th of October
- Current attendees, Valerie and Evan
- **Potential elected officials and staff: Council Liaison Bates and Trina Jackson**

6. Good of the Order/Adjournment