

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019

6:00 p.m. Shimada Room

440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, Ca.

## Minutes

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm; present are Zelda Holland, Esther Takeuchi, Yas Aoki, Josh Miklich, Robyn Rickansrud, Marilyn Leong Lee, Cory Reisbord - mother of an 8th grader (Korematsu) and 10th grader (ECHS)

1. Reading and approval of minutes – The 9/4/19 Minutes were read and approved by a motion from Zelda Holland, seconded by Esther Takeuchi, with all in favor of approval as written
2. Input on Agenda - Donation Cup For Holiday Gathering At Evan's Home
3. Commissioner Reports – Esther Takeuchi reported that the Lau family is willing to host again. There were no other reports.
4. Important Business
  - California Sister City Meeting - Report
    - Review of info gained from the meeting - sister city groups in Bay Area can all walk in SF Cherry Blossom Parade if interested; Robyn Rickandsrud suggested flags; can use banner made by Robyn's printing co.; Rec Dept may can participate - ask Trina to make request with Sharolyn Babb
  - 2020 Shimada Ambassadors Application
    - Set the due date - 12/14/19 @ \$1700 fee; Robyn Rickandsrud made motion to approve, seconded by Zelda Holland, followed by majority approval

- Assign school distribution - no assignments given; flyer to be approved by school district
- Obi Matsuri Festival in October
  - 12th - 14th of October
  - Current attendees:
    - 9 total attendees
    - The current attendee list is as follows:
    - (1) Mr. Evan Sirchuk - Community Representative
    - (2) Mr. Charlie Sirchuk
    - (3) Ms. Valerie Snider
    - (4) Mr. Josh Miklich
    - (5) Ms. Raija Rickansrud
    - (6) Ms. Trina Jackson
    - (7) Mr. Nat Bates - City Representative
    - (8) Mr. Larry Bates
    - (9) Mr. Demnlus Johnson
- Discussions during Shimada Visit
  - Pen Pal Program - Junior highs are under the jurisdiction of Shimada city; high schools are part of the Shimada School Board; should be an independent connection outside of RSFC if penpal program is geared to high schoolers
  - Business connection pilot program
    - See if we can connect two pairs of businesses - business exchange attempted in past with limited success; Shimada is interested in adults coming for business exchange; Robyn is willing to contact Richmond businesses

5. Good of the Order/Adjournment @ 7:30 pm