

Phoenix Sister Cities
Himeji Minutes
January 9, 2018

Present:

Pamela Godsil – Committee Co-Vice Chair
Jeremy Crews - Committee Co-Vice Chair
Camille King - Committee Secretary & Committee Chair for Youth & Education
Ilene Takiguchi – President, Japanese Friendship Garden
Reiko Yasui-Reavis – Japanese Friendship Garden Executive Director
Masako Takiguchi
Kate Ross

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:50 pm by P. Godsil (P. Godsil is acting as the chair as T. Lott, Jr. is no longer able to fulfil this role)

II. Chair Remarks & Introductions

P. Godsil welcomed all present and asked all attendees to introduce themselves - All members take turns introducing themselves.

III. Approval of November 14, 2018, Meeting Minutes

P. Godsil asks all to review the November minutes and asks for any additions or corrections - Motion to approve the minutes by Jeremy - Second by Kate - All approve - None opposed - Minutes approved.

IV. November 2017 Financial Summary

P. Godsil asks all to review the financial summary presented.

V. Committee Events & Projects

A. Matsuri Festival (February 24-25, 2018)

J. Crews volunteered to be the chair of the committee. P. Godsil and her husband, Stan, volunteer to be at the booth all day Saturday. J. Crews and C. King will man the booth on Sunday. There will not be a water booth, as the soda booth will also sell water. There will be a SignUp Genius for student volunteers. K. Ross and C. King will work on this item together. J. Crews made the motion for the purchase of parking tickets to be reimbursed by the Himeji committee. I. Takiguchi seconded the motion. All approved and none opposed. The motion passed. There will be a separate Matsuri committee meeting to plan the details of the event.

B. Sake Tasting (April 7, 2018)

P. Godsil is the chair and J. Crews will be the co-chair of the event. This year the sake tasting will be held on a Saturday.

C. Centralized Information for Committee Members

J. Crews explained the importance of having an e-mail distribution list. This list would be helpful for our committee to keep in touch if there are questions members need answered, there will be someone monitoring the correspondence to get the correct information to the person asking. P. Godsil and C. King will help to build the distribution list with Jeremy.

All approved and none opposed. The motion passed or carried.

D. FY19 Master Calendar

The Matsuri is scheduled for February 24 and 25 and the Saki Tasting April 7, 2018.

VI. Youth and Education Program Update (Report/Discussion)

C. King updates the committee on the trip to Hermosillo, Mexico, December 5-9, 2017. Participation was low, therefore, the trip was cancelled. The deadline for the Youth Ambassador Program, January 12, 2018, was discussed and all was encouraged to share this information with friends (the link to the site was on the PSC website).

VII. In-Kind & Volunteer Hours

P. Godsil reminds members of the importance of logging accurate hours. Always sign up hours.

VIII. Next Meeting: February 6, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Next Himeji Committee meeting will be on February 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. – Winship House.

IX. Call to Public .

X. Adjourn

P. Godsil adjourns the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Camille King