

**Richmond-Shimada Friendship Committee Minutes**  
**September 2, 2015**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Marilyn, before Steve arrived. Present were Marilyn, Steve, Ernie, Josh, Yas, Zelda, Keiko, Sharolyn,

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read and approved with some changes.

III. Input on the Agenda

No input received

IV. Commissioner Reports

Our new commissioner, Keiko, is going to Japan in November. She will be visiting Japan, and can bring something, to Shimada, representing our commission. She will meet with various officials and friends in Shimada. She will be participating in a Fair, there. Her doves cannot be hung in the Richmond Auditorium until the needed work is done there. Keiko's workshop was successful for the peace doves.

There were no other reports

V. Important Business

- a. Esther and Sharolyn have some students that are interested in being an ambassador for our next session in Japan. There was talk about the adult ambassador either living or working in the WCCUSD district. She or he didn't need to be a credentialed teacher, with a general good background check and a passport. The last day of school for the year 2015 is December 18, and they return January 4, 2016. The applications will be ready soon. We need to have the approval of the school district before going to the schools to give them the applications for our ambassadors and Marisa, who chaperoned the group. We could put links to our computer address. We could use a catchy half sheet as a flier.
- b. The CD has been transferred to the regular checking account..
- c. We discussed the J-SEI festival with Esther about the prices of our Green Tea brought by our student ambassador, Marissa, from Japan. It will be a fund raiser.

VI. Good of the Order

Steve Kirby brought a DVD from Shimada from the Mori family. We will need to get host families for our next group from Shimada coming in March.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zelda Holland, Secretary