

Richmond-Shimada Friendship Committee Minutes

October 7, 2015

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15. Present were Sharolyn, Yas, Michelle, Keiko, Marilyn, Marisa, Zelda, Steve, Josh, and Councilmember Eduardo Martinez.

II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved after a few additions.

III. Input on Agenda

We discussed the agenda for tonight's meeting.

IV. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Keiko Nelson reported that she worked on 100 peace doves during the event in Richmond. She worked on a neighborhood project with participants. As soon as the work is done on the Richmond Auditorium, the doves will be displayed there. She is going on a trip to Japan, and will visit Shimada. There may be a tea at the museum for her. The commission will ask Trina to get a plaque for her to present.

Esther earned another \$40 from the Japanese tea that Marisa brought from Japan to fundraise. She will continue to sell it.

Commissioners Josh Miklich, Keiko Nelson, and Esther Takeuchi completed the AB 1234 Ethics training. It was reported that the training can be taken online for those who couldn't attend the class. It takes two hours and can be accessed on the FPPC website.

V. Important Business

a. Application Updates

We will send a copy of the application to the schools, so that they can apply online. We will also send the schools copies of the trip information for June 2016.

b. Budget Updates

We have \$9,028.00 and are waiting for the \$2,000.00 from the City of Richmond.

c. Sister City Evaluations

The presentation to the city council has been postponed until 2016. The commission will continue to prepare for the Sister City Program evaluation.

A city in Nigeria is interested in becoming a sister city of Richmond. Geoje, South Korea is interested in buying the Red Oak Victory ship that we have in the harbor, because it was used during the Korean War, and becoming one of our sister cities. The ship is not for sale.

d. March Visit Homestay Procurement

We are looking for homestays for the students coming in March.

VI. Good of the Order/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4.

Respectfully Submitted,
Zelda Holland, Secretary