

Idaho Falls Sister City Youth Approved Meeting Minutes

This meeting was conducted using the platform Zoom

April 7, 2021

Charlotte Combs	Laura Combs	Jackie Sugai	Jackson Corbridge
Kylie Eaton	David Eaton	Katie Eaton	Abby Gallegos
Sam Hawker	Lori Kidwell	McKenzie Mclsaac	Gabe Padron
Jorge Padron	Nathan Peck	Kendra Peck	Anna St. Michel
Whitney St. Michel	Stephanie Van Ausdeln	Carter Thompson	Jennifer Thompson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion by Stephanie Van Ausdeln was made to approve the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by McKenzie Mclsaac. The minutes were passed.

Reminder

The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for **April 19, at 7:00**. Please put this on your calendar. A reminder email notice will be sent out before the meeting.

Upcoming meetings to put on your calendar are April 19, May 5th and 17th, June 2nd and 14th, July 7th and July 19th if needed, August 4th and 16th, September 1st and 13th, October 6th and 18th, November 3rd and 15th, and December 1st and 13th.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 7, 2021 the balance in checking \$16,620.84, money market \$3294.56, and savings \$25.05. The treasurer's report link is at the end of the meeting minutes.

Student Exchange

After a joint meeting with members of Tokai-mura Sister Cities and officers of Idaho Falls Adult and Youth Sister Cities, the officers have agreed that the in person exchanges for this summer will be postponed until next summer due to Covid 19. This decision was made based on the health and safety of all organizations in both countries.

IFSCY 40th Anniversary Celebration

Idaho Falls Sister City Youth and Tokai-Mura Sister City Youth have agreed to have a 40th Anniversary Celebration digitally! It is tentatively scheduled for July 3 (PM Idaho time) and July 4 (AM Japan time) for the exchange. This is a big milestone and both groups want to make this a big celebration. These dates forty years ago was the time of the actual signing of the agreement between our cities!

Some ideas for the celebration event were to ask the mayor to give a speech, have the Idaho Falls Symphony play for the groups (digitally), record graduation ceremonies celebrations, Sam Hawker stated he would like to do an anime video, short clips of student's experiences from the student exchange in the Tokai-Mura visit in the summer 2019. Please keep thinking of ideas for the 40th Anniversary.

David Eaton stated that the city of Idaho Falls will have the 4th of July parade. He suggested that our group creates a float. A video of the process could be made for the 40th anniversary.

Please attend the April 19th meeting so we can discuss our plans for this event.

Discussion of online activities with Tokai-Mura Youth

The group agreed that it is important to continue with zoom meetings to interact with students from Tokai-Mura Youth. This might include recording summer vacations that Idaho Falls students take or school experiences like high school graduation.

Please be thinking of ideas on topics for online activities for the rest of the year.

Donation to IFSCY

David Eaton stated that a donation of encyclopedias was offered to the IFSCY. It was suggested that these books could be part of the display at the Idaho Falls Public Library.

A volunteer is needed to call the library and ask if they would like to have the encyclopedias with the Sister City display.

Recruiting Students for IFSCY

Kendra asked for ideas on ways to recruit students for IFSCY program. If you know of any student who is interested in the Idaho Falls Sister City Youth program please invite them to the Zoom meetings. You may forward the link to the meetings to any student who is interested.

This will be discussed at the April 19th meeting.

Student Activities

Current Events in Japan

Carter Thompson shared his presentation on "What's been Happening in Japan This Week". A presentation on current events in Japan. Topics included Covid 19 vaccinations, Olympic Torch Relay, Early Cherry Blossom blooming, and the opening of Nintendo Land. To view this video please click on the link below.

[What is Happening in Japan This Week](#)

Student Presentation

Sam Hawker gave a presentation on Japanese Mythology. The title of his slide show presentation was "Japan's Many Gods". To view this video please click on the link below.

[Japan's Many Gods](#)

Fundraisers

The group agreed to schedule the Skyline Bowling fundraiser during the summer because it would give us more time to advertise by displaying the flyers and advertise online. Nathan Peck created a flyer for this event.

Skyline Bowling alley does the fundraisers for groups on Wednesdays. Skyline will give us flyers to hand out to people and they must bring in the flyer in order for our group to get credit.

Our group will need to discuss scheduling of this fundraiser at the April 19th meeting.

Car Wash fundraiser will be discussed at some meeting in the future.

Phrase of the Week

Carter Thompson gave a quick presentation for the words: Sakura - Cherry Blossom, Jishin - earthquake, Oyasumi - goodnight, Ohayogazaimasi - good morning, and Baibai - bye bye.

Update on Website

Stephanie Van Ausdeln asked for some help with specifics for the website. Email Stephanie for information on what is needed for the website.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed at the Happy Farm. Whitney and Anna St. Michel will get more information and present it at the next meeting.

Future Student Presentation

Anna St. Michel volunteered to present on April 19th.

Next meeting

At the next meeting, April 19, 2021 the group will discuss the date for the bowling fundraiser and the flyer will need to be discussed and possibly fundraisers of a car wash and carnival.

Whitney and Anna will present information on volunteering at the Happy Farm.

Students are planning a Q/A about Japan. So, if you've gone before, please prepare to answer questions about your experience.

Discussion on recruiting students and ideas for online activities, encyclopedias at the library, and ideas for the 40th anniversary celebration.

Creating a float for the 4th of July parade.

The naming of the website and payment for the website will also need to be discussed. discussion on naming the website and payment

Ideas to recruit students..

Motion to Adjourn

Stephanie VanAusdeln motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Whitney St. Michel.

Below is the link for the Treasurer's Report and Free Japanese Resources.

[Treasurer's Report 04/07/21](#)

[Free Japanese Resources](#)

A list of tongue twisters (given to Kendra from Tokai-Mura Sister City Youth Group)

Nama-mugi nama-gome nama-tamago

Raw wheat, raw rice, raw eggs

Basu gasu bakuhatsu

Bus gas explosion.

Kono kugi wa hiki nuki nikui kugi da.

This nail is a difficult-to-pull-out nail.

Aka-maki-gami, ki-maki-gami, ao-maki-gami

Red scroll, yellow scroll, blue scroll.

tonari no kyaku wa yoku kaki kuu kyaku da

The guest next door is a guest who eats a lot of persimmons.

uraniwa ni wa niwa, niwa ni wa niwa niwatori ga iru.

In the back garden there are two chickens, in the front garden
there are two chickens.

buta ga buta o butta node butareta buta ga butta buta o butta.

The pig beat the pig, therefore the beaten pig beat the beater pig.

sumomo mo momo, momo mo momo, sumomo mo momo mo momo no uchi.

A Japanese plum is a peach, a peach is also a peach, both Japanese plums and peaches are a kind of peach.

By the way, this last one is also a great demonstration of how kanji makes Japanese sentences easier to read. Here's how the sentence would look in hiragana alone:

すももももも ももももも すもももももももものうち。

Here is the Kanji

李も桃、桃も桃、李も桃も桃のうち。

toukyou tokkyo kyokakyoku kyokuchou

“The Tokyo Patent authorization bureau manager”. Note:
this is not a real position, it’s just difficult and fun to say.

banana no nazo wa mada nazo na no da zo

“the mystery of the banana is still a mystery”.

*kono takegaki ni take tatekaketa no wa take
tatekaketakatta kara, take tatekaketa*

“I laid this bamboo against the bamboo fence because I
wanted to lay bamboo against it”.

*komagome no wagamama mono, nakano no nokamake
mono*

Komagome’s jealousy, Nakano’s laziness

■ ありがとうございます。ありがとうございます
■ いました。ありがとう。