

City of Lawrence

Lawrence Sister Cities Advisory Board

August 09, 2017 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Albrecht, Kathleen Hodge, Billy Williams, Jon Niccum, Jennifer Carttar, Hans Carttar, Melissa Johnson, Bob Schumm, Diana Carlin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Huneke, Mike Dever, Michelle Fales, Kelly Scholz, Bill Keel

STAFF LIAISON PRESENT: Porter Arneill

PUBLIC PRESENT: Faye Watson

Chair Bob Schumm opened the regular monthly meeting at the City Hall at 5:30 PM.

Meeting Materials Provided:

- Meeting agenda
- Financial through June 2017
- Standing Committees list
- Hiratsuka Positions and Duties list - Draft

Introduction of guests

- Faye Watson, Wife of Buford Watson, came to the meeting to express her concern for the condition of the Buford Watson park at 11th and Massachusetts st. She requested the board inspect the condition of the park and review the maintenance arrangements with the City.
- J. Carttar will photograph the existing conditions and the park
- Arneill will find the maintenance agreement with the city.

Approval of Minutes

- May and June 2017 draft meeting minutes will be reviewed during the September 2017 meeting.

Review of Financials - Fales

- Financials received from Fales, to be reviewed during September meeting.

City Commission Work Session report - Schumm

- Schumm reported on his experience at the latest City Commission Work Session.
- The Lawrence Sister City Advisory Board is on the list of boards to be eliminated.
- Schumm made a presentation to the City Commission, he gave history of the boards work and our long history of relationship building with our Sister Cities.

- Schumm told the City Commission of the 50+ scholarships that have been granted to students totaling more than \$50,000.
- Schumm believes the boards 501c3 status will allow the board to continue functioning without an official city title.
- A letter will be presented to the Commission outlining why we believe in the importance of the Board and why it should remain under the City umbrella.

Committees List

- Board members are to review list and send any updates to J. Carttar
- List to be reviewed in September.

FoH (Friends of Hiratsuka)

- Johnson presented a draft Jobs and Duties list for the Hiratsuka leadership positions.
- Johnson and J. Carttar will call a meeting in September with all interested parties to discuss positions available.

FoE (Friends of Eutin) – Albrecht

- Lawrence students are back in the US after a successful trip to Eutin.
- All Eutin students arriving in September have been placed with host families.
- Martin Vollertsen will be in Lawrence in October for several days to present a '500th student' dedication
- Albrecht will have a BBQ dinner for FoE for Martin at his home.

FoI (Friends of Iniadies)

- Nothing new.

Additional Items

- Board asked to think of Scholarship Fund raising Ideas:
- Possible Raffle
- New venue for Fund raiser
- Spencer Museum Exhibit with International Cuisine.
- Circle 'S' Ranch
- potential of coordinating with the KU study abroad Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 7pm.