

Sister City Board Minutes  
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 • 7pm via Zoom

Members & visitors present:

- I. Welcome - introduction of members, visitors – anybody new?
- II. Minutes / notes – approve minutes from April 2020
- III. Financial report –
- IV. New Board Business / Old Business – discuss or make an action item for next meeting
- V. Reports from committees / chairs / mentors / activities ...
  - A. Selection –
  - B. Travel / Homestay –

Travel

Regarding cancelling airline tickets, per Ciretta: *I just looked at your flights this morning. Yes, there is a future travel credit in place and tickets can be exchanged for travel into 2022. However, the tickets are non-transferable so names can't be changed and the person named on the ticket must travel. I've been watching to see if Delta cancels the flight. If they do, we can refund the tickets rather than exchange them. They have been cancelling flights for June, so if they do cancel it will be fairly soon. I don't want to cancel the reservation before Delta cancels the flights because that will affect the refundability. So, at the very least, we will definitely be able to exchange the tickets without penalty if that's what you want to do.*

Homestay 2020 –

No Homestay but we did reserve the Picnic Shelter at Sacajawea for Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. If the stay-at-home order is lifted, we're having a Board Picnic! Maybe we can schedule a virtual picnic with alumni families in Naganohara. Dinner here – breakfast there!

- C. Family meeting business – met by zoom May 13. About 1/3 didn't log on; some due to bad internet (1), some to prior commitment (2). I have no idea why 5 of the families/chaperones didn't participate
  - Faith was asked to coordinate with David Grant for Zoom Language & Culture. Best scenario is to determine what pages of the cultural packet will be gone over with students asked to read/study prior to the meeting. More information to follow.
  - All other discussion was fundraiser related – see below
- D. Fundraisers –
  - Golf cancelled – Hole sponsors said we could hold onto their sponsorship fees until next tournament.
  - Depot Arts in the Park is cancelled. We had already decided NOT to participate with our Burger Booth.
  - Parade is cancelled (some said maybe not ...) BUT we decided to NOT sell any Roundup Road Apple tickets either way. Any sold tickets will be part of the contest next year. Families need to be mindful of protecting their ticket packets until then.
  - Discussion of our reserved date at Katabatic for Beer for a Cause, Tuesday, June 23d. We want to keep the date so as to be able to request similar date next year. Ian Shinn will confirm in person with new owner/manager Sarah.
    - We won't be selling RRA raffle tickets BUT will be promoting Sister City – maybe another goodie basket to raffle off. (Not knowing what our fundraisers will be like next year, we will decide later if we want to donate any funds to a food providing non-profit. Last year we netted \$325, \$153 from the \$1/pint donation, the rest from our Japanese goodies raffle basket.) Carey suggested selling 50/50 tickets, decided not to sell soup but giving away Japanese Crackers.
  - Kevin Haines said that even if there is not a rodeo, the Roundup group has already bought fireworks and will shoot them all off on July 4<sup>th</sup> if there is not a nightly Rodeo. Consensus was that we do continue to do our usual fireworks debris cleanup – which will either be July 3, 4, 5 or only July 5. Donna emailed Peggy Glass to let her know we're onboard for whenever they need us.
  - Faith shared a conversation she had with Greg Coleman, expressing an interest/desire to send something from the traveling students to Japan to help keep an interest and momentum in the program and helping

maintain those connections between the students. After group discussion, we decided NOT to send a gift, as the Japanese would feel obligated to do the same.

V. Open comments

- Received updates from our Health Care workers on the current status of COVID cases in Gallatin and Park County. Things are starting to open back up.

VI. Next Meeting date(s). June 17<sup>th</sup> – location or by zoom to be determined.

VII. Closing