

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: Zoom Meeting

Date: August 2, 2021

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Jeff Kroesch, Ken Ota, Sally Modin, Darren Sampson, Kyle Silver, Chiko Tsukamoto

Excused Absence: Dawn McBride, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest

Absence without Notice:

Guest(s): Katherine Scheck, Asia Quizon-Colquitt

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Darren Sampson and the recording of the meeting started.
(Recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18vO01sMkFpJZkyJoGutjC98pNNMTankR/view?usp=sharing>)

- **Roll call of attendees:** 7 members in attendance, with 3 excused absent. This confirms that a quorum is present. (Members in attendance as noted above.)
- **July, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Board reviewed the minutes and Jeff moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Ryan and approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Dawn presented via email
 1. No activity in July, 2021.
- **Chairman's report and discussion:** Darren
 1. Judy Markowitz's son Scott provided some more information about early stage of sister cities connection.
 2. Intending to have Zoom meeting with Asahikawa committee to talk about 60th ceremony timing. Had some discussion among members about our stance how to approach in the conversation and majority feels ceremony can be postponed to 2023 under so much uncertainty existing due to COVID-19.
- **Sub-committees Reports:** N/A
- **New business:**
 1. Labor Day Parade on Sept. 6th: We will participate and Darren arranged a car. We can take pictures of members that can be sent to Asahikawa together with CARE package.
- **Old business:**
 1. CARE Package: Jeff wants to include group picture and preparing to send sometime in Sept.
 2. Garden Cleanup: Work day is set for August 7th 10:00a.m.. to 12 noon.

At 7:16 p.m., Kyle moved, and Jeff seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting is adjourned, and the recording of the meeting stopped.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2021 6:30 pm at Conference Room or Zoom, to be decided.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.