



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

12:00pm – Trinity UMC

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Victoria White, Becky Simpson, Austin Fesmire, Ersu Henry, and Betty Ruleman
 - 1. Visitors: Anna Barrios(TWU) and Sandra Kinney (Main Street Athens)
 - ii. Absent: Steve Sherlin, and Lindsey Ferguson
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Ersu Henry, seconded by Becky Simpson, for the approval of minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting.
Motion carried
- III. New Business
 - a. Recap of Chinzei Gakuin visit – Ana recapped the visit with the students and said the program went well, the students loved it and the teachers were excited with everything. Next year look into sending a survey ahead of time for interest in activities; cooking class, sports, mini groups, etc.
 - b. Request for Sister Cities Committee to host CG Welcome Dinner next year - Next year look to have TWU take back the Welcome Dinner and have Aramark cater it at the Colloms Center.
 - c. Discussion of Lecture Series Starting in October – October through July have host locations donated and the schedule will be on the websites of Main Street, City of Athens, McMinn County and the Athens Chamber of Commerce.
 - d. Plaque for Dr. CS Long grave – Part of the grave, the plaque, needs to be repaired but Community Development at the City is assisting with securing it to the grave.
 - e. Set meeting schedule moving forward – Next meeting will be held January 28, 2025.
- IV. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date