



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, February 26, 2024
12:00pm – Trinity UMC

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Victoria White, Austin Fesmire, Becky Simpson, Steve Sherlin, Deb Wallace, Lindsey Ferguson, Ersal Henry, and Betty Ruleman
- II. New Business
 - a. Waiver Update – Deb Wallace stated that she has given Oak Ridge's waiver for travel to Japan to the city attorney, Chris Caldwell. He should get back with one by mid-March.
 - b. Exchange Students Visit – Victoria White indicated that Yui Hayashida has put together an itinerary for the program for the students going to Japan in 2025. It involves a lot of time in the school as well as some sightseeing.
 - c. Chinzei Gakuin Visit– Betty Ruleman will forward the info Ana Barrios created for the SCRA's to committee members. Victoria indicated that the Denso Tour and the Welcome Dinner at Trinity are on the schedule, as well as the offer of a taco dinner in her home in Cleveland. Ersal provided the dates: July 11-27.
 - d. JOI Coordinator – Discussion of Japan Outreach Initiative event in Athens.
- III. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date