



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monday, January 29, 2024

12:00pm – Trinity UMC

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Victoria White, Austin Fesmire, Becky Simpson, Lindsey Ferguson, Ersal Henry, and Betty Ruleman
 - ii. Absent: Deb Wallace and Steve Sherlin
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Lindsey Ferguson, seconded by Ersal Henry, for the approval of minutes of the November 1 and November 13, 2023 meetings.
Motion carried
- III. New Business
 - a. Donation Increase – Ersal Henry expressed her desire that the Board increase their donation to the Chinzei Gakuin program. The estimate for 2024 is \$26, 400, \$1300/student. Lindsey Ferguson suggested submitting a proposal to the Board, requesting a donation amount.
 - b. Transfer – Discussion of letter needs to be drafted to request the Sister Cities program be transferred from the City to TWU to the City Council. A new Board would need to be reassemble at a new location and new bylaws will need to be drafted.
 - c. Exchange Students – Discussion of having the potential exchange students involved with the Chinzei Gakuin students during their visit the summer to work towards next year's trip. Board would like a meeting with Anna and the exchange students for an overview of the program to see who wants to participate.
- IV. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date