

Salt Lake City

Sister Cities Board Meeting

Room 126, 451 S. State Street

April 17, 2013

This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of the Sister Cities Board regular meeting held on April 17, 2013.

The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:00pm in Room 126 of the City and County Building, located at 451 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Board members in attendance included Chairperson Anne Erickson, Vice-Chairperson Karen Wiley, Rosemary Holt, Jinger Laguardia, Nicole Gallo, Margaret Yee, Olga Efimova. Staff members in attendance included Michael Akerlow, Director of Housing & Neighborhood Development and Steve Akerlow, Sister Cities Coordinator. Visitors: Tomoko Moses & Jo-Ann Wong.

Chairperson Anne Erickson Welcome [5:04:50 PM](#)

Discussion on Elections [5:06:00 PM](#)

Elections to fall in line with beginning of fiscal year. July meeting 2013 dates are proposed as July 10 or 17.

Matsumoto Board Representative [5:07:56 PM](#)

Mrs. Freeman is not healthy enough to handle the 55th Anniversary Celebrations. Tomoko Moses has been asked to handle the events. To be placed on the board it would require an application to City Council.

Review & Approval of Minutes [5:10:30 PM](#)

Ms. Wiley moved to approve minutes. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Matsumoto 55th Anniversary Updates [5:12:18 PM](#)

Tomoko Moses gave the board some background of the Matsumoto relationship and introduced herself. Jo-Ann Wong gave the board an update on events planned for July 2013 as part of the Matsumoto 55th anniversary celebration, specifically kite making at local events throughout the year.

[5:19:00 PM](#) Ms. Wong asked the board for advice on how to proceed with budget allocations that were given to Matsumoto events. Ms. Wong asked about paying \$1,000 towards an exhibit at City & County Building, transportation costs for Matsumoto dignitaries.

[5:21:59 PM](#) Ms. Erickson read an email that clarified that Matsumoto has \$3,000 allocated from the current funding year. It must be spent before June 30, 2013.

[5:23:48 PM](#) Ms. Wong proceeded with explanation of event costs associated with the 55th, including a dinner/banquet on July 22, and 24th of July picnic with the Japanese American Citizens League, rodeo/baseball tickets.

[5:29:00 PM](#) Discussion of details of possible budget expenses

[5:30:50 PM](#) Ms. Erickson clarified how the budget is usually allocated but said the board cannot allocate FY 2014 funding until the beginning of that fiscal year.

[5:36:00 PM](#) Ms. Wong invited the board to attend the different festivals where they will be doing kite displays and invited the board to also attend and host "Sister Cities" booths.

Individual City Updates [5:37:30 PM](#)

[5:37:47 PM](#) Margaret Yee asked about sending a letter to Keelung Mayor and Police Chief to attend the grand-opening of the new public safety building. June 10, 2013, Consul General coming for promontory point events, June 8 is the Asian Festival, August 13-17 International Days will host Taiwanese dancers.

[5:42:15 PM](#) Nicole Gallo asked about the protocol of people from Salt Lake City visiting Sister Cities representing Sister Cities. Steve Akerlow said that individuals should attend a board meeting and request to represent the board first.

[5:45:18 PM](#) Jinger LaGuardia said the Bocce Association invited Sister Cities to be at their booth for the Living Traditions May 17th and 18th. Ms. LaGuardia agreed to send out an email with details.

[5:47:55 PM](#) Olga Efimova is working with getting disabled children in Izhevsk a computerized keyboard. There is a possibility of a professional medical exchange this fall.

[5:49:06 PM](#) Karen Wiley updated the board on the Utah Coalition of Sister Cities annual meeting. Ms. LaGuardia said the board should be sharing information with statewide programs and use the Sister Cities International website to develop a model. Ms. LaGuardia said she would follow up with this at the next meeting.

[6:03:09 PM](#) Rosemary Holt updated the board on the visit of a Professor from Chernivsti. Ms. Holt updated the board that the Mayor's Office in Chernivsti has requested to visit Salt Lake.

[6:07:01 PM](#) Ms. Wiley shared with the board that they should post on Salt Lake County's Office of Diversity website.

Next Board Meeting [6:08:30 PM](#)

Next board meeting proposed dates are July 10 or 17. Mr. Akerlow will update on availability.