



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

12:00pm – Trinity UMC

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Victoria White, Lindsey Ferguson, Becky Simpson, Austin Fesmire, Ersa Henry, Randy Dowling and Betty Ruleman
 - ii. Absent: Larry Eaton

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Ersa Henry, seconded by Lindsey Ferguson, for the approval of the October 14, 2024 and the February 12, 2025 minutes.
Motion carried

- III. New Business
 - a. Revote on items from February 12, 2025 Meeting –
 - i. Potential scholarship to attend TWU trip to Japan for SCRA Jorja Lewis
Motion was made by Lindsey Ferguson, seconded by Becky Simpson, for a one-time exception, since there were no other McMinn/Athens/TWU student applications, to award Jorja Lewis the \$1,000 SCRA scholarship.
Motion carried
 - ii. Prep for Chinzei Gakuin visit 2025
Motion was made by Becky Simpson, seconded by Randy Dowling, to fund two (2) additional SCRA's for a total of \$2,140.
Motion carried
 - iii. Athens Isahaya lecture series
Motion was made by Lindsey Ferguson, seconded by Betty Ruleman, to charge \$10 to register for the Bento Box class.
Motion carried
 - b. Succession Planning/Goals of Committee Moving Forward
Election of New Officers:
Chair – Larry Eaton
Vice Chair – Randy Dowling
Treasurer – Becky Simpson
Secretary – Betty Ruleman

Motion was made by Lindsey Ferguson, seconded by Victoria White, to accept the new election of officers.

Motion carried

- c. \$200 Donation Request from Library – The E.G. Fisher Public Library would like to purchase 12-25 Japanese, with translation, books, requiring a donation up to \$500. The Board would like more information and is suggesting some programming to go along with the books if a donation is made.
- d. Set next meeting date – March 26, 2025 12:00pm at City Hall Conference Room

IV. The meeting adjourned

Approved:

Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date