



SISTER CITIES PROGRAM

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 19, 2026

12:00pm – City Hall

- I. Welcome
 - a. Roll Call:
 - i. Present: Betty Ruleman, Sandra Kinney, Randy Dowling, Anna Barrios, Larry Eaton, Becky Simpson and Lindsey Ferguson
 - ii. Absent: Joe Barnett and Austin Fesmire
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion was made by Randy Dowling, seconded by Becky Simpson, for the approval of the February 3, 2026 minutes.
Motion carried
- III. New Business
 - a. Planning for 2026 Chinzei Gakuin Visit – The Board discussed having one of the “free” days of the student’s at Dollywood and would need approximately \$1500 for the visit. Schedule changes would need to be made; Dollywood on Friday, July 17th, City Hall visit on Wednesday, July 22nd from 10am-1pm and then lunch would be provided from 1-2pm (sandwiches and chips). Possibly add one of the Asian Culture Lecture series events and a Mayfield tour and a sponsor for a pizza dinner one night.
 - b. Lecture Series from the Asian Culture Center – Sandra contacted Naoko Podhorski, from the Asian Culture Series, and received possible classes and dates to choose from. The Board discussed and decided on the Sushi making class April 30th, with a 2nd choice of April 20th; the Bento Box making class May 14th, with a 2nd choice of May 21st; the Japanese Tea Ceremony on October 6th.
 - c. Industry Vacancy – The Board discussed if no one is available at Denso, their next choice would be Donna Ballew at Mayfield Dairy.
- IV. The meeting adjourned at 1:01pm. (Next meeting set for Thursday, April 9, 2026)

Approved:



Betty Ruleman, Secretary

Date

