

LODI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting , March 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Bill Hinkle called the meeting to official order at 6:10 p.m. JAACL Hall Board Room.

PRESENT: President Bill Hinkle, Mike & Helen Spencer, Susan Ferrero, Dr. Peter Hetzner, Dr. Ron & Michiko Oye, Kenney Okumura, Jeanne Stoller, Yoshi Kim.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 24, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved as read. Motion moved by Jean Stoller, and seconded by Michiko Oye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Jeanne Stoller reviewed the Treasurer's Report as of March 28, 2023. The beginning balance on hand as of December 31, 2022 was \$19,364.27 with an ending balance of \$23,540.06 on March 28, 2023. The report was accepted as read and filed for audit. Motion moved by Susan Ferrero, seconded by Pete Hetzner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (1) Street signs remain on hold pending meeting with City of Lodi Public Works Director. (2) Lodi Lake Japanese Garden Master Plan needs to complete final phase before meeting with Steve Virrey, Superintendent of Parks. Ron and Michiko will convert plan in terms of virtual reality for purposes of final arrangement of plants, benches, and lanterns. (3) Lodi – Kofu Pen Pal Program initiated by Julie Myrah, was not discussed since Julie was not present at the meeting. She did recommend, however, that a student scholarship be developed in Angie Ferrero's name, and Susan Ferrero offered to assist with the development of the program details.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) Dues have been paid by the membership and the membership roster has been updated. Bill announced the Spirit of Tourism Annual Event sponsored by Visit Lodi Conference and Visitor's Bureau will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. (2) Julie Myrah agreed to chair the Vice President vacancy. We need to fill the Secretary position with the resignation of Susanne Benbrook. Susanne did an outstanding job as our Secretary for several years. We are extremely appreciative for her many years of service to the Sister City Committee as our Secretary. (3) Bill Announced that LogoWear, Inc. is able to provide burgandy colored Sister City polo shirts for \$30 hopefully to be reviewed at our next Board Meeting. (4) We will contact Laura Tagliaferri, Deputy Mayor and Councillor for twinnings of Lodi, Lombardy, Italy and Lodi, California to renew our relationship. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of a Lodi, Italy trip. (5) The March 11th Sister City Crab Feed Financial Reports were reviewed and there was a discussion for changes for next year. The Raffle prizes and Gift Card donors from

many businesses were acknowledged in an ad placed in the Lodi News-Sentinel on Saturday, March 25th.

COMMUNICATIONS: None Received

DISCUSSION OF ITEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN: Lindstrom Accountancy Corp. completed our 2022 IRS Form 990-N, the State Franchise Tax Board Form 199, and the Annual Registration with the Department of Justice, Charitable Trusts Form RRF-1. We paid the Annual Charitable Fee of \$25, and \$175 for professional accounting services.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next Sister City Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Note: The Annual Tourism Event will be Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 3 PM -5PM at Hutchins Street Square.

There being no further business, the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Stoller, Interim Secretary