

**Sister City Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 4, 2022**

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Gerry Short called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. The following were present:

Gerry Short
Erica Williams
Jonathan Wright
Fran Dunne
Melody Welshofer
Casey Conard, Town Staff
Not Present:
Resha Oliphant
Mary Ann Rogers
Marc Michaelson

2. Approval of December 7, 2021 Minutes

Fran made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously.

3. Financial Status

Monthly reconciliation for December 2021 was reviewed with a balance of 85,144.79 as of 12/31/2021.

4. Zama Communications

5. Unfinished Business

- The committee discussed the upcoming Chili Supper fundraiser. Products needed for the event are cheese, sour cream, crackers, jalapenos, onions, condiment cups and lids.
- Melody made a motion for Erica to spend up to \$500.00 on food and products needed for the Chili Supper. The motion was seconded by Fran and passed unanimously.
- Fran will coordinate the purchase of the chili. There will be option of original and white chicken chili for the event.
- This year the Chili Supper will be a dine in event but will have the option of to go.
- The committee discussed the January 13th zoom call with Zama. Marc will organize and send out a zoom link.

- Fran made a motion that based on the US Embassy in Japan information on Covid regulations and rules that Smyrna not travel to Zama in the summer of 2022. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously following discussion.
- The committee discussed options for a dinner with our current students and older students that will be aging out. It was decided that dinner for the students at Ichiban Japanese Restaurant will be arranged.
- The committee discussed the possibility of setting up a meeting for the older students who will be aging out of the program with the Consul General of Japan.
- The committee discussed if there are any options for adult exchanges.

6. New Business

7. Other

- The next meeting will be February 1, 2022

9. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee a motion was made to adjourn by Melody and seconded by Erica. The meeting adjourned at 6:49.