

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Sister Cities Commission

6:30 PM
 December 11, 2024

MINUTES

Steelhead Room
 235 1st Ave. SE

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Stephanie Angula
 Victor Bello
 Diana Fleming
 Shari Gehrke
 Maryann Heil
 Carol Noel
 Ryan Opitz
 Wendy Pickering (*Excused Absence*)
 Emily Royce
 John Girt - Alternate

Administrative Staff:

Tina Eggers, Chief of Staff

Youth Advisory Board Representative:

Sanvi Madan (Absent)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 88:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 16, 2024 minutes were APPROVED as presented by unanimous consent.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) Status: Thank You Letters

Reviewed thank you card list and assigned task. Will complete by end of year.

b) 2025 Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS)

"Friendship: The Heartbeat of Global Peace"

Review Rules, eForm and Determine Timeline:

- Go Live Date: 12/30/2024
- End Date: 3/5/2025
- Submission Review: 3/7/2025
- Judication Schedule: 3/10-14/2025
- Submission to Sister City International: 4/1/2025
- Other Next steps: Maryann and Diana will meet to develop a YAAS plan on 3/19/2024

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Sustainability Project and Collaboration w/Environmental Board

There will be a joint meeting in February 2025 with Environment board. It will take place at Tibbits on Feb 12.

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b) Adopted 2025-26 Budget

May want to delay discuss until after Feb meeting.

c) 2025 Recruitment

2 regular members will expire in 2025. 1 alternate member position is vacant; formerly held by Virginie Blackburn.

d) Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.