

**YAMANASHI CITY, SISTER CITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 19, 2016**

A meeting of the Yamanashi City Sister City Committee was held at 11:30 a.m., in Long Lines Family Recreation Center, 401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, IA.

<b><u>BOARD PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Davison Wissing	Angel Wallace	
Grace Linden		
Chad Robinson		
Azusa Allard		
Gary Bennier		
Randy Hansen		
<b><u>BOARD ABSENT</u></b>		
Amanda Beller		

1. **CALL OF THE ROLL**

Meeting was called to order by Angel Wallace at 11:31 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUES**

On motion by Wissing, second by Robinson, the February 18, 2016 minutes were approved. All ayes.

3. **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

Three new committee members were introduced: Asusa Allard with FEH Architects, Gary Bennier with Tyson Foods, and Randy Hansen with Morningside College, were appointed to the committee with terms expiring 12/31/2018. Current committee members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members.

4. **YAMANASHI CITY VISIT – AUGUST 3 - 7, 2016**

Wallace reported she received an email from the Yamanashi City liaison with the final list of persons that will be visiting Sioux City. The list includes four Chaperons: the Superintendent of Yamanashi City Schools, an English Teacher at the Middle School, a staffer from the City of Yamanashi City, a Translator, two adult citizens, and eleven middle school students. The Mayor will not be making the trip.

Wallace provided the committee members with a preliminary itinerary for the four day visit. Wallace shared that unlike the 2014 visit, a Sioux City middle school visit will not be an option since school is not in session during the time of the visit. With the Yamanashi City delegation visiting Thursday and Friday, the committee is planning to provide tour opportunities for both days. The committee discussed potential sightseeing opportunities for the itinerary: Orpheum Theatre, Interbake Foods, Tyson Foods, Chesterman Bottling Company, Launch Pad, Art Center, Morningside College, and Wells Blue Bunny. Other locations and options will be considered. Wallace provided an overview of past locations

that were visited which included Morningside College, Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center, Public Museum.

Wissing and Robinson offered to host the adult citizens that will be travelling as part of the delegation. And although absent, during a previous meeting, Beller offered to make arrangements for host family stays for the middle school students.

Linden stated she would be willing to work on the tour schedule once the committee members finalized the locations.

Hansen stated he would request the college host a lunch and tour of the campus.

Bennier stated he would contact Tyson Foods to request a tour of the facility. He also suggested visiting a local cattle farm.

Allard will make contact with the Orpheum Theatre to schedule a tour.

Wissing will work with the SiouxCityGo organization to see if the group would be willing to host a lunch or breakfast for the Yamanashi City delegation. A group lunch at Grandveiw Park was mentioned as an option.

Wallace will schedule a meeting with the Mayor and City Manager's staff to coordinate the welcome breakfast and other activities during the visit.

5. COMMITTEE CONCERNS

None

6. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Wissing, second by Bennier, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The next committee meeting will be held June 16, 2016 at 11:30 p.m. at Long Lines Family Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angel Wallace  
Parks and Recreation Manager