

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: Zoom Meeting

Date: March 1, 2021

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest, Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Sally Modin, Ken Ota, Darren Sampson, Kyle Silver, Chiko Tsukamoto

Excused Absence:

Absent without notice: Laura Tepen

Guest(s): Katherine Scheck

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Darren Sampson.

- **February, 2021 Meeting Minutes:**

1. Board reviewed the minutes and Dawn moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Kyle and approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Dawn

1. Nothing special in January.

- **Chairman's report and discussion:** by Darren

1. Virtual Program: Members exchanged various ideas for the program and the conversation will continue for the next few months. In the meantime, Darren explained step by step process for uploading files for the program. (Instruction attached.)
2. Darren informed officially NCHS Principal, Trevor Chapman about the cancellation of Senior High program for 2021-22.

- **New business:** N/A

- **Sub-committees Reports:** N/A

At 7:35 p.m., Jeff moved, and Kyle seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2021 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room or Zoom, to be decided.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

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2021 Virtual Exchange Project – Bloomington-Normal-Asahikawa Sister Cities Exchange

Due to the ongoing impacts from the Coronavirus, the exchange programs between B/N and Asahikawa have been cancelled. Until widespread vaccinations and travel restrictions are lifted, our committees are finding alternative ways to promote and further the goals of our exchange programs.

An idea was formed to incorporate a “virtual exchange” between citizens and committee members of both cities that involves sharing and discussion around “A Day in the Life” videos and photos. Each committee would ask individuals to capture and submit videos and photos of things to share and discuss with the group in each other’s city. This show-and-tell format allows the exchange of ideas, events, celebrations, and interesting content to show and share in a video conference format.

The two committees will coordinate hosting the meeting and sharing content. As the Asahikawa committee was unable to put on the virtual exchange scheduled back in January, the B/N committee will move forward with preparations to put on an event in the spring of 2021.

HOW TO: Video/Photo Capture and Upload to **B/N Sister Cities** (Google Docs folder) *demo*

1. Using your smart phone, take a single event video of no more than one minute long of something you find interesting and would be able to talk about or explain to our Japanese friends. Photos are welcome, too.
2. Make note of the ‘who, what, when, where, why’ information on each video/photo you capture. Once all the videos/photos are assembled, this information will be used as an outline to walk through the information at the exchange.
3. Upload the video to the B/N Sister Cities Google Docs folder using the following link:
 - a. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nVa9JxHbS8SCwf25MocVzQXaeLNLg7e5>
 - OR,
 - b. Look for Ken’s email from February 1 for the folder link: **2021 Virtual Exchange Project**
 - c. **Important:** Click the **2021 Virtual Exchange Project** folder before continuing with directions below so the videos go in the right folder.
 - d. Click the “Plus” sign in the lower right corner of your phone screen
 - e. The ‘Create New’ box opens > Select ‘Upload’ > Select ‘Photos and Videos’
 - f. Find your video/photo in your album > Click item you want > Click ‘Upload’
 - g. Rename your file > click ‘tipple ellipsis’ > scroll to ‘Rename’ > Rename photo/video starting with your first name (ex. DarrenZoeyDog.MOV)

**Note: the above instructions should also work if you are using a computer