

Denver Takayama Sister Cities Committee  
Minutes  
Robin Dee Post, DTSCC Secretary  
November 27, 2018

Attendees: Wendy Barile, Steve Comstock, Kitty Comstock, Greg Fedorchuk, Machiko Fedorchuk, David Hoskins, Gail Jackson, Kevin Lance, Robin Post, Charles St. John, Jim Tait, and Rose Tanaka.

Call to Order. The committee convened at 7:15PM

Minutes: Steve Comstock indicated that all of the issues addressed in last month's minutes will be discussed this evening.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Tait reported that our bottom line has remained stable. We have \$15,127.89.

Report from BOD/CLAC meeting on November 19. The Chennai Committee has chosen Slum Dog Millionaire for their annual film event. It will be shown on February 5, 2019 in the Sie Theater. A statewide sister cities conference is planned for late May with a location somewhere in the western slope of Colorado.

Other Reports:

\* Culture Day. Kay Fahlberg chaired this highly successful event, which took place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the University of Denver. Approximately 125 people attended.

\* City in a Suitcase. Debbie Kacik and Kevin Lance gave a presentation on Takayama to approximately 60 children at Montclair Elementary School on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

\* Takayama Park sign. We have not heard back from Denver Parks and Recreation about our request to add a kanji translation to the park sign.

\* Yosakai dance club. Machiko Fedorchuk reported that she found someone who might be interested in teaching Yosakai dance. A space would need to be found for this class.

\* Youth baseball tournament. There has been no further news about this event.

\* Upcoming visits from Takayama Denver Friendship Association. Osamu Hirakawa and his family will be in Denver from December 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. Their visit is informal. A dinner and reception for the Hirakawas is planned for December 16<sup>th</sup>. A group of Friendship Association members will travel to Denver in February 2019 to look at our yatai and assess what repairs are needed.

## Upcoming Events:

\* Shinnenkai. We will celebrate the New Year on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of T.R. Reid. Robin Post volunteered to chair the event.

## Trip Planning:

### Adult trips to Japan in 2019

\* Ski trip. Charles St. John distributed flyers for the trip. People who are interested in skiing in Japan are encouraged to sign up.

\* Introduction to Japan. There has been much interest expressed in this trip, which will be led by Wendy Barile. Dates of travel have not as yet been selected for this trip.

\* Japan in Depth. Kevin Lance will be the leader. Kevin expressed an interest in visiting matsuris (festivals) in different cities in northern Honshu in August.

\* Student visit from Japan 2019. It is not clear whether or not we will have students from Takayama visiting this summer. It is possible that Takayama will send a team of people to repair the Yatai instead of sending students. This may affect the student exchange in 2020.

\* Olympics trip. So far nine people are interested in traveling with us to Japan and staying for the Olympics in 2020. Lauren Zelek expressed interest in leading this trip.

\* 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip to Takayama. This trip is likely to occur later in 2020 after the Olympics.

\* 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary visit from Takayama. Plans for this visit will be developed in the future. We will host a dinner for the visitors. The Takayama Wind Orchestra is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members of the orchestra may take part in the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary visit.

Next meeting will be held on January 15, 2019.

Reminder: The web page for keeping current with Denver Takayama events / activities and schedule for 2019:

<https://www.denversistercities.org/takayama/>

This site is updated regularly. Note at the bottom of the box on the left is a link to a page where you can check out volunteering needs and sign up to help. Or the direct link is:

<https://www.denversistercities.org/takayama/Volunteer.shtml>