



Tomo No Kai Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018

7PM Call to Order Welcome & Introductions

Treasurer's Report - Ryan Kimura

Nothing new to report – Fall dinner brought \$10K net

Minutes - December Board Meeting at Sara Huff's home – meeting minutes posted on the website

Chitose Inbound – Summary and congratulations to the Sand Lake staff and all the host families

32 students came this year – lots of great volunteer host families – made a huge impact on Chitose students – lots of tears when students left. Big thanks to Matsushita Sensei for her detailed coordination – lots of great support and donations

Tomo No Kai Membership Update – Crystal Seeman absent – Krista gave update – have 174 members + a family with 4 graduates who decided to donate at the last minute

Intern Update – Colleen Morris absent – no update

Will we help interns ship their things home again this year? Maybe with a cap? Was pretty expensive last year

Spring Auction Update (Ed's notes via email)

- Event date April 7, 2018 at the Megan Room, Davis Constructors Building.
- Tickets will go on sale February 15 – tickets are only for sale online
- Letter is going out to all families this week with a save the date and list of volunteer opportunities.?? Is Ed sending this out?
- Some big auctions items include: Biss Arizona home, Denali Train/Hotel Package, Cabin Donation, Garbage Party, and some fine Alaskana Framed Art.
- Sue Gilliland will be coming to Alaska in February and will once again be helping with classroom art.
- We have the location, catering, decor, wine & beer donations assigned. We need an auction procurement volunteer to track the items people are getting.
- We are asking some of the Chitose outbound families to develop the childcare for the night – the idea being that outbound Chitose kids might earn some money for their trip that night.

Cherry Blossom Update – need to confirm dates – believe it's April 20th – Kamimura will be coordinating on the teacher side and will possibly have a teacher from Mears and/or Dimond, too.

Adjourn 8PM

Upcoming Events:

Spring Auction – April 7, 2018

Japanese Speech Contest – TBA Spring of 2018

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Cherry Blossom Festival April of 2018

12th Grade Completion Ceremony - 5/10/18 (Dimond High Auditoria)

Intern Farewell Potluck May of 2018

Outbound Chitose Exchange – Summer 2018

Future Tomo No Kai Meetings:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018