



Tomo No Kai Board Meeting
February 17, 2018 Minutes

1. 10:00 AM – Call to Order

In Attendance:

Ed Hall, Erin Webb, Sara Huff, Krista Dennison, Sheila Hill, Stephanie Tasker, Linson Thompson

2. Chitose Outbound

- Discussed the process for including and selecting English teachers on future trips. Mr. Thompson chose this year, and the plan is to rotate teachers each year going forward. Ms. Miller will be going in 2018.
 - How are we going to fund this going forward? This year the Chitose families are paying for it. Going forward how does it get funded? Is it something the overall program can pay for?
 - Mr. Thompson has been looking for cost savings to provide some money back to Chitose families.

3. General Budget Discussion – would like to add more detail to our budget reports and have a better idea what we're spending money on related to each event.

- Inbound Chitose budget – Mr. Thompson saved \$1500 on van and potluck location and wants to possibly reimburse Mr. Iwasaki for the work he does to help plan for the trips. Want to work towards getting Mr. Thompson a budget and let him decide how to best spend that money. He could then report back what was spent.

4. Interns – in light of recent focus on harassment, Ed suggested we all keep this in mind in regards to our interns. They are placed in unfamiliar homes and they go on trips with families – wanted to just put out there that we need to make sure we're not putting them into any uncomfortable situations. No particular cause for alarm, just something we should keep in mind. Krista suggested maybe we could bring in some sort of ombudsman to help on the intern committee – someone who is not Japanese, but is more familiar with Japanese culture and can help us keep a pulse on any potential issues. Maybe we should do background checks on host families?

5. Sixth grade completion ceremony – what will happen going forward? – Mr. Thompson doesn't want Mr. Kamimura taking this over. Could be coordinated by parent volunteers

6. Spring Auction Update

- Greater Giving Online -

<https://online.greatergiving.com/Pages/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

We currently pay Eventbrite \$300-\$400. GG has a website - \$500 to set up and we could use it for all of our events and auctions. They have “auction pay” which allows you to do mobile bidding. There is also a way to do a hybrid for mobile bidding and actual bidding. Would like to use this instead of Eventbrite going forward. We’ll give it a shot, and if it doesn’t work, we aren’t bound by a contract. Can possibly use it for Cherry Blossom, too. Will help with our online presence and give donors a lot more opportunity for recognition. Once Ed has it set up, she’ll send it out to everyone so we can edit, as well.

- Chitose families are doing the dessert dash.
- Hayley Kelly is doing the wine wall – target the Jr. High and high school parents.
- The students are all doing art projects again this year.
- Suggest doing the ticker tape for the intern raise – like the Sea Life Center gala – want to tie it to actual amounts of money that specific things cost – e.g. “This is how much money it costs to... “ – more than just a dollar amount – more of a story – a matching ask instead of just a standard paddle raise.
- No live music this year – not enough space, too loud, and cost is too high. Ed compared to Lumen Christi auction – spread the live auction out throughout the night instead of just saving it all at the end.
- No babysitting for the event – the logistics just don’t work.

7. Cherry Blossom Festival

- Hattori and Matsumoto have stepped in and said they would manage again this year
- Joanna is coordinating with teachers.
- We still need to pay the teachers from last year – need to know which teachers were there and who participated – all program teachers participated + Mrs. Neilsen, and Zan Zoske. This year we will pay them immediately.
- Pre-ordering of food – could do that for sushi and maybe the rice balls?
- Ed will talk to the teachers possibilities for distribution of food before and during the performances.

8. Japanese Movie Night Chitose Fundraiser

- Will be at Sand Lake. The Japanese consulate is providing the movie “Your Name.” Maybe March 23rd or 30th – Sheila suggests picking a couple of dates and seeing which date works for the school. Sheila will email Ginger to see which day works best.

9. Late June reunion picnic

- Want to have an event where we can invite the graduates to come back – potluck picnic – everyone’s invited to Sand Lake park – the last Saturday or Sunday in June as a tradition – can use past class reps to get the word out.

10. General meetings – will do a trial run of having shorter meetings, similar to what PTSA is proposing - 30 min instead of an hour. First meeting of the year might need to be longer.

Adjourn 12:15 PM

Upcoming Events:

Spring Auction – April 7, 2018

Japanese Speech Contest – March 31, 2018

Cherry Blossom Festival April 20, 2018

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

Intern Farewell Potluck May of 2018

Outbound Chitose Exchange – Summer June __ through 21st 2018

Future Tomo No Kai Meetings:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Next Tomo No Kai Board Meeting:

Saturday, April 21st, 2018? (3rd Saturday) –Erin’s house – 10:30