

Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters

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Chie Canady

Mary Jean Quiller

Aaron Guest

Akear Mewborn

Samantha Wooden

Merrill Rushin

January 19, 2021 Virtual meeting: Zoom

- Call to order at 5:20
- Attendees: John Jackson, Chie Canady, Eric Spears, Aaron Guest, Merrill Rushin, Akear Mewborn, Mary Jean Quiller.
- Minutes from November were approved.
- Treasurer's report.
 - No change in the account.
 - Eric Spears raised the concern that the budget won't be used for a while, so we should ensure the bank doesn't freeze. He volunteered to speak to Synovus.
 - Eric Spears also raised the concern about how, or if, we need to file taxes on the account.
- Kiryū art update
 - John Jackson spoke to Tammie Brown about sending art to Kiryū this year. She said that she was interested but may not be able to send as much as usual.
- The Kiryū student exchange group for 2021 has been postponed until 2023.
- The commission approved a letter written to Kiryū.
 - Chie Canady mentioned that in Japanese culture, it means a lot when letters are addressed from a mayor to another mayor.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm
- Next meeting: February 16 at 5:15