

Chado Urasenke Tankokai of Philadelphia

Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2023 Zoom

Present: Frank Chance, Sachiko Houck, Miyo Moriuchi, David Peralta

Regrets: Tansy Foster, Takako Suzuki

1. **Board Meeting Minutes:** Several questions were asked and answered. The Minutes do

not go to the Kyoto Urasenke office. Both the Minutes and the Financial reports are for CUTP members. These have been on the homepage, but the question was raised whether these should be more private and members might have a password for access?

2. **Vice President Vacancy:** Thus far, no name has been brought forward. The main qualification is the VP may be any interested member. In the past ten years, Sensei Taeko Shervin and Brandon Forst have served in the position. At the annual meeting, nominations from the floor will be open.

3. **Annual Meeting Planning,** February 19, 4 pm by Zoom

-Invitations: Frank Chance will email invitations to the member mailing lists from 2020-2022 with the hope of lapsed members renewing. Approximately 36 people.

-Proxy forms of the Slate of Officers & Board Members including solicitation of a Vice President nominee will also be emailed

-Budget: Tansy & Sachiko are working on it. The budgets of 2019 through 2022 actuals will be shown and the 2023 proposed budget will be presented.

-Sachiko will present the 2022 Activity Report and the prospective 2023 Activities.

-Collection Committee: no report

4. **Relationship with Shofuso:** the Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia

(JASGP) merged with Shofuso in 1982. In the past few years the Executive Director left and there have been a number of staff changes. CUTP is concerned that it can no longer have tea

lessons on Saturday mornings in Shofuso and the Sakura Pavilion in the winter (a centrally located teaching space) and has lost storage space (inconvenient to carry all the items). The monthly demonstrations have been fully booked and are a money maker for Shofuso.

We will consider future negotiations with Shofuso to restore some of our access.

5. **Collections:** The Kyoto Urasenke Center gave some original *dogu* to the early program at LaSalle College. Additional items were bequeathed by Sensei Taeko

Photos attached to the items/descriptions would be useful Frank will send Google Docs link to the Board

Shervin. There is a catalogue and check-out notebook.

6. **Events Committee:** Terry Sherwin is organizing the Cherry Blossom activities

A chairperson is needed for Robiraki in November & Hatsugama in January

7. **Homepage and Facebook:**

- David was asked to research how to improve the CUTP Homepage.
- Checking other Urasenke Homepage and Facebook websites was suggested.
- With the change of Board members, Access to both Homepage and Facebook needs to be determined.

8. **Membership:**

- currently paid online by PayPal or by check to Sachiko
- Benefits of Membership** should be enumerated
 - PASSWORD to online Chado classes on Kyoto Urasenke
 - Koyamaen matcha 20% discount
 - Link to discounts at Rikkyu mart & other providers
 - Shofuso Monthly Member nights on First Thursdays

9. **Upcoming events:**

- Philadelphia International Tea Bowl Exhibition: final day 3/4/2023, Frank Chance is giving a lecture at noon.
- Penn Demonstration on 3/17 & 3/18

-Jefferson University Demonstrations 3/26 (2 times in March + Oct. & Nov)

-Cherry Blossom Festival. April 14-16: Horticulture Center for tea demos
tearoom from the Wallingford Community Arts Center + CUTP 8 mats with
chairs for guests. The CAC will transport & do set up!

Respectfully submitted, Miyo Moriuchi