



Annual Member Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 3, 2020, Thursday, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Zoom Teleconference, Hosted by Katy Hintze

Attendees: 20 screens joined the Zoom call

AGENDA (refer to prepared agenda on following pages, led by Katy Hintze and Barbara Walker)

1. Meeting Opens: 6:35pm by Katy Hintze
2. Introductions of Board and Youth Board – Barbara Walker
3. Video – prepared by Surina Kishinchandani, narrated by Katy Hintze
4. Discussion of Renewal Change to January 1, calendar year
5. Vote held re Board Elections, all current members returning for 2 years
Ayes: 20 screens, Nays: 0 screens
Motion to Approve: BW
Second: HP
6. Vote held re fiscal year move to match City of Southlake, October 1-September 30
Ayes: 20 screens, Nays: 0 screens
Motion to Approve: BW
Second: DH
7. Announcement of 2021 artwork selection for mugs
8. Presentation by Mae Ferguson, FWSC
9. Door prizes
10. Adjourn: 7:40pm

Agenda for SSC End of Year Party 2020

Barbara: Welcome to the Southlake Sister Cities Year-End Annual Party

Barbara: Introductions of Board Members/Youth Board members/Speaker - Mae Ferguson

Katy: Thank you Barbara for the introductions! Welcome everyone! We are so pleased to have everyone here! I know things look a little different this year, in the past we all enjoyed sharing a meal and friendly conversations around this time of year. Unfortunately we aren't able to do that this year, but we can still celebrate our organization and you, our members!

We so appreciate your membership, and donations. And to show you what we do with those membership dues and donations, one of our Youth Board members, Surina Kishinchandani has prepared a short video highlighting some of the things we did this year.

- This is Andrew Mayfield, he was the Vice President of our Youth Board last year. He is going to NYU Shanghai this year, and he also received one of our scholarships for graduating seniors.
- This is a goodbye celebration for our Secretary from last year, Melanie Torres.
- This is the City of Southlake Lunar New Year with our partners at the Southlake Library, ACAST, and the Chinese Club from the High School. We borrowed the dragons from the Southlake Carroll Band to be included in the Lantern Walk around the Town Square. (there's Surina, the student who created this video!) After the Lantern Walk, we had cake and hot chocolate in the Town Hall. This is Wendi in a traditional Chinese dress.
- This is lunch after we conducted a litter clean up at Dawson/Eubanks schools as a show of our appreciation for when they hosted our Chinese visitors last Fall.
- This is artwork that one of our Youth students, Kaitlyn Guesner, created from a photo she took while she was on a student exchange visit last year to our sister city Tome, Japan.
- These are some of the 25 artworks we received from Southlake High School students who entered the Sister Cities International Youth Art contest (YAAS), and this is the gallery showing we had for these submissions. Our own Mayor, Laura Hill, was the judge and was there to present the cash prize awards. This year's theme was "One World, out of many, we are one." Councilmember Ronell Williams was also in attendance. Our High School art teachers, Summer Neiman and Eric Horn helped prepare the artwork for the gallery showing.
- This is our Youth Board preparing for the Celebrate Southlake event that unfortunately, was canceled.
- This is another Youth Board activity: we donated over \$100 worth of groceries to the Grace Food Bank.
- With all of our Volunteer Opportunities, many of our students earn the very prestigious Presidential Volunteer Service Award.
- As I mentioned before, we offer Scholarships for graduating HS seniors going to college, we awarded 3 this year: Andrew Mayfield (going to NYU Shanghai), Sachi Kishinchandani and Kayin Jones (both going to Rice)

- This year, we provided lunch for the Southlake Public Works department to show our gratitude for their hard work every day in Southlake.
- For September 21, which is the Japanese holiday Respect for the Aged, our Youth Board created beautiful hand-made cards for the seniors who came to the Southlake Senior Activity Center for a drive through lunch that day. SSC also provided roses and gift bags with latex gloves and a mini bottle of hand sanitizer.
- This is one of our Quarterly Street Cleanups, part of the Keep Southlake Beautiful City initiative.
- In October, we had an online Bento box cooking class hosted by a chef in Japan. Everyone had a great time making their Totoro character.

Before we get to our speaker, we have a few Housekeeping items that we need to discuss:

You may have already heard, but we have changed membership renewals to once a year, in January. This will make it easier for you to remember when you are due for your renewal. Everyone is due in January! If you haven't renewed for the coming year, you can go to Southlakesistercities.org and click on "Get Involved" and "Membership Renewal".

Vote on Board Officers

Every even numbered year, we have SSC Board Officer elections/re-elections. All of our officers have agreed to return for another 2 years, so I'd like to put it to a vote to re-elect them. I'll ask them to wave when I call their names. President: Katy Hintze, VP1: Barbara Walker, VP2 Ann LeBlanc, Treasurer: Fendy Chan, Secretary: Heather Pattons. We also have our Membership Chair: Kevin Ponzo, our Historian: Caroline Inouye and our 2 Advisors: Diron Hill and Sally Kidwell. **(Barbara make a motion, Heather second it to take a vote)** All in favor say aye, any opposed?

Also, if you are interested in becoming a board member or advisor or just assisting us, please let me know, we would LOVE to have you join us!

Fiscal Year change to match City of Southlake

One more housekeeping item we need to cover is the change in the fiscal year I sent you all an email/survey about earlier this year. This is simply a back office change that we decided to make to better align our finances with those of the City of Southlake.

I know many of you already gave me your approval to make this change, but I'd like to take an official vote now. **(Barbara/Heather make a motion to change the fiscal year to match the City of Southlake fiscal year, then take a vote.)**

One of your Benefits of membership: 2020 membership mug distribution

You should have received your 2020 membership mug by now. We usually distribute them at our in-person events, but since we weren't able to have those this year, our Youth Board members distributed them to you in person. Many of you commented on how nice it was to receive the mugs from one of our smiling students. Many thanks to the Youth Board for distributing these!

2021 Mug Design

For the 2021 Year of the Ox mugs, we had another art contest and we received 5 very good submissions, it was really hard to choose one!

Here is the design we will have for the **2021 membership mugs**. The design this year was done by one of our Southlake Carroll art students, **Kristen Mader** (is she here? If so, have her wave)



These mugs are our gift to the families that renew their paid membership each year. Each collectible mug has the Year of the (Lunar Zodiac Calendar) ... and a picture. One per family. The 2021 mugs will be distributed when/if we have in-person events in 2021 and if not, then the Youth Board will distribute, as they did this year's mugs.

And, now Barbara will be introducing our speaker, but first I want to remind you that we will be having door prizes after the speaker, so be sure to stick around. I'll explain more about the door prizes after our speaker.

Barbara: Speaker Introduction – Mae Ferguson

Mae speaks

Door prizes – spin the wheel <https://pickerwheel.com/>

Rules:

- **Have your prize in mind**
- **You can only win once**
- **Make sure you can see your name on the wheel**
- **We will have your prize delivered to your door step via the Youth Board or myself**

Thank you everyone for attending!