

# Salem Ota Cultural Exchange | MINUTES

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Feb. 25, 2018 / 7 pm | 98 Washington Street City of Salem Offices

## Attendees

Chris Granniss

Kathleen Salas

Constance Arlander

Ellen Soares

Abigail Clark

Elizabeth Emery

## Agenda topics

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**Agenda topic** Japanese Student Host Family Search. **Trip date is confirmed for Sunday July 21-Monday July 29, and is now listed on the Website and Facebook Page.**

Unfortunately, a few returning families are unable to host this year because of vacations or aging out (particularly those hosting boys). We have recruited a few new families but continue to need everyone's efforts. Also please consider if you can host 2 students instead of 1 this year. ***IF EVERYONE invited 2-3 families we could together recruit new families to match all students! If you have ideas on how to best market ourselves, please reach out and let us know. However the best way to entice families is probably via word-of-mouth, community organizations and school programs, and repeat invites. If you would like a flyer for an event you think will be helpful please ask.***

***Feel refer to this link:***

**<http://www.salemotace.org/>**

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**Agenda topic** Adult trip to Japan for the first few weeks of July continues to generate interest, and remains available to anyone interested.

**Agenda topic** 2019 Scholarship for Class of 2019 High School Graduates

The annual Scholarship for graduating seniors will soon be posted on our website. The application will be live soon, as this year submissions will *only* be accepted on line. Deadline is May 3, and recipients will be announced in the end of May. (Students may submit prior to their final school decision, in which case they can include their preferred choices).

***Next meeting: Monday March 25 at 7:00***