

## Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** Osbourne Room of Bloomington Police Department

**Date:** January 9, 2017

**Members in attendance:** Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Cindy Hansen, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff, Noha Shawki, Kyle Silver, Darren Sampson, Akiko Wilson

**Members not in attendance:** Robert Harrison, Mary Ann Schierman

**Guest(s):**

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Darren.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
  1. December, 2016 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept by Kyle and seconded by Steven. It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
  1. November and December results were presented by Catrina. There was nothing unordinary and Steven moved to approve receiving report seconded by Cindy and approved unanimously.
- **Chairman's report:**
  1. Treasurer: Kyle stepped up to take responsibility for a treasurer's position. Catrina and Kyle will start transition.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Akiko
  1. Nick's report on blog was updated. Nick joined Kendo club and Boy Scouts.
  2. 2017-18 student: Sent package of Mitchell to Asahikawa.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae.
  1. Taisei's birthday party went well. He came home from vacation in Florida with good impression.
  2. 2017 Student (Minami Hiraoka): Asked BHS principal to reserve a spot.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
  1. Informational meeting is set for 1/29/17 at 2pm.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**
  1. Since Leticia resigned from the committee, Cindy will be the new coordinator. Cindy will start working on various arrangements including scheduling. Everyone who can help her should assist in any way.
- **Japanese Garden:** Steven
  1. There was a proposal from somebody to make donation of a tree at the garden. This person has no direct connection to sister cities. Right now there is no room for new tree planting. So, it was agreed that we need further talk with Town of Normal to find appropriate place.

- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Old Business:**
  1. 55<sup>th</sup> Trip: Toyoka
    - i) So far, 39 persons signed up for the trip.
    - ii) Toyoka is studying about the gift.
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:38 p.m., Kyle moved and Steven seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

