

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: February 6, 2017

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Cindy Hansen, Robert Harrison, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff, Noha Shawki, Kyle Silver, Darren Sampson, Mary Ann Schierman

Members not in attendance: Akiko Wilson

Guest(s): Jeffrey, Brenda, Katherine McDonald

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. by Darren.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. January, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept with change of location to Airport by Kyle and seconded by Mary Ann . It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
 1. January results were presented by Catrina. There was nothing unordinary and Toyoka moved to approve receiving report seconded by Steven and approved unanimously.
- **Chairman's report:**
 1. Special Events Coordinator: Need to find somebody to fill in the position vacated by Mike's resignation.
 2. Attended Multicultural Leadership Summit on Saturday.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:**
 1. Nick's report on blog was updated.
 2. 2017-18 student Mitchell: Darren will talk with parents about Mitchell's schedule in relation with 55th mission trip.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae.
 1. Taisei is fine with school. He visited Prompt Care for finger swelling. His host family needs some break time and if somebody from committee take him out from time to time would help.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
 1. Informational meeting on 1/29 was attended by 10 students. Deadline date is end of February.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**
 1. Need 4 more host families.
- **Japanese Garden:** Steven
 1. Will talk with Park and Rec of Town to get recommendation for planting donation tree across the trail.
- **Long Range Planning:**
 1. Need to study website re-desinging.

- **Publicity:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Old Business:**
 1. 55th Trip: Toyoka
 - i) Toyoka is studying about the gift.
- **New Business:** N/A
 1. Akiko received a request from one of our interns who now lives in Tokyo to find pen pals for two Japanese females who want to communicate with somebody here.

At 8:24 p.m., Kyle moved and Steven seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

