

## Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** CIRA Airport Conference Room

**Date:** March 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

**Members not in attendance:** Akiko Wilson, Mary Ann Schierman

**Guest(s):** Jeffrey Kroesch, Brenda Guest, Catherine McDonald

Meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m. by Darren.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
  1. February, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept with change of location to Airport by Kyle and seconded by Sanae . It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
  1. Only activity was stipend for Taisei and Catrina will report in April for both Feb/Mar activities.
- **Chairman's report:** n/a
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:**
  1. Nick's report on blog was updated. He moved to second host family (Takasugi's) and will stay till end of March. Then he will move to Nami Nagasawa's till the end of his stay.
  2. 2017-18 student Mitchell: Working hard to learn Japanese.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae.
  1. Taisei is fine with school and he joined photograph club.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
  1. Had orientation meeting on 3/5/17 with 6 students. There may be another couple who could join. Sanae will be the chaperone.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** Cindy
  1. Final preparation for receiving visitors.
- **Japanese Garden:** N/A
- **Long Range Planning:** n/a
- **Publicity:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Old Business:**
  1. 55<sup>th</sup> Trip: Toyoka

i) There are 20 members for the entire trip and few more to join partially.

- **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 8:07 p.m., Kyle moved and Katherine seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

