

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: May 1, 2017

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

Members not in attendance: Akiko Wilson, Robert Harrison, Darren Sampson

Guest(s): Jeffrey Kroesch

Meeting was called to order at 6:42p.m. by Catrina.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. April, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to by Kyle and seconded by Cindy. It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
 1. March and April reports were submitted. Both had Junior Ambassadors visits related expenses along with stipend for Taisei. Total expense for Jr Ambassador related charges was \$12,279, which is about the same as previous years. Steven moved to accept receiving the reports and seconded by Kyle. It was approved unanimously.
- **Chairman's report:** N/A
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:**
 1. Sanae worked with Mitchell while Akiko is out on trip. He is improving in his Japanese.
 2. Nick's report is online and seems to be doing fine. Jr Ambassadors from B/N are scheduling to visit Nick's school.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae.
 1. Taisei will leave U.S. on June 6th. His farewell party is planned on May 21st afternoon at Lucca Grill.
 2. 2017-18 student, Minami Hiraoka: She will arrive on August 2nd. We need to find 3 or 4 host families.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
 1. Last orientation was held on May 7th. There will be 6 students visiting Japan this year leaving on 6/1/17, chaperons Sanae and Jeff.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**
 1. Talked about some of the things we experienced in the last visit. Suggestion was made that it may help host families if a sheet with a few important words in Japanese was provided. Such words like "hungry", "tired", or "ill".
- **Japanese Garden:** Reported by Steven
 1. Weeding was done on April 27th. Next date is May 21st 12:30-2pm.
 2. Beautification project phase-2 will start soon.

- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Newsletter will be published in a week or so.
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Old Business:**
 1. 55th Trip: Toyoka
 - i) Both mayors are making arrangements for their trip.
- **New Business:**
 1. Ken proposed to spend about \$300 to buy 100 Lanyards which can be used for name tags of visiting members for 55th trip, as well as Junior Ambassadors.

At 7:50 p.m., Kyle motioned and Cindy seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

