

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: June 5, 2017

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

Members not in attendance: Sanae Ferrier, Robert Harrison, Mary Ann Schierman

Guest(s):

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. May, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept by Kyle and seconded by Dawn. It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
 1. May report will be reviewed and submitted next month.
- **Chairman's report:**
 1. The check for \$1,000 State Farm Neighborhood grant submitted by Darren's mom has been issued.
 2. Applying for Multicultural Leadership program.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:**
 1. Nick's report is online and seems to be doing fine.
 2. Mitchell's Japanese lesson is proceeding well. Darren will see him and his family to go through the rules and various things before his departure.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
 1. Taisei will leave U.S. on June 6th.
 2. 2017-18 student, Minami Hiraoka: English test result seems to be at the border line and phone interview will be conducted. Meantime her host family's application is in the process for approval.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
 1. They are in Japan now. One student has high fever but not serious. There is closed group FB page and if anyone wanted to join, ask Toyoka.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** n/a
- **Japanese Garden:** Reported by Steven
 1. Beautification project phase-2: Discussion with the Town is necessary about the borders around the pond before phase-2 starts.
 2. Next weeding day is June 10 9:30-11am
- **Long Range Planning:**
 1. We want to have conversation with other groups who receive exchange students to find host families.

- **Publicity:**
 1. Newsletter will be published soon if articles are in.

- **Special Events:** N/A

- **Old Business:**
 1. 55th Trip: Toyoka
 - i) Gifts to committee members: Corn-a-ments were chosen and need to find the way to bring them safely.
 - ii) Polo with logo: Set up with Lands End for on-line ordering which must be done by each individual. (color of shirts – blue or white)

- **New Business:**
 1. Normal West published literature in Spanish to be distributed in Cuba. Japanese version is being worked.

At 8:14 p.m., Kyle motioned and Toyoka seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 10, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

