

## Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** CIRA Airport Conference Room

**Date:** July 10, 2017

**Members in attendance:** Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Cindy Hansen, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff, Darren Sampson, Kyle Silver, Akiko Wilson

**Members not in attendance:** Robert Harrison, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara, Noha Shawki

**Guest(s):** Jeff Kroesch

Meeting was called to order at 6:34p.m. by Darren.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
  1. June, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept by Steven and seconded by Cindy. It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** n/a
- **Chairman's report:**
  1. Continued appreciation to Toyoka for her 55th anniversary coordination.
  2. Received letter of resignation from Mary Anne Schierman.
  3. Requesting assistance for the identification of potential committee members.
  4. Formal request for current interested members will occur in August.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:**
  1. Nick's report is online and seems to be doing fine. <https://nickinjapansite.wordpress.com/author/nickinjapansite/>
  2. Nick's parents are now in Asahikawa.
  3. Mitchell's Japanese lesson is proceeding well. Visa approval is still pending though no issue is predicted.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
  1. 2017-18 student, Minami Hiraoka: Bloomington has accepted student and fees were paid. Applications for host families are sent to SEI for approval.
  2. Darren suggested that committee members should consider hosting students for short period like weekends.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff and Sanae
  1. Trip went very well and all activities were fantastic. One student got sick for one week but she recovered and participated all activities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** n/a
- **Japanese Garden:** Reported by Steven
  1. Beautification project phase-2: Phase-2 will split to 2 and 3, as city will replace borders before Grieder can continue the rest of work.
  2. Memorial tree has been planted.
  2. Next weeding day is July 16, 12:30-2pm

- **Long Range Planning:** n/a
- **Publicity:** n/a
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Old Business:** n/a
- **New Business:** n/a

At 7:35 p.m., Steven motioned and Cindy seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** August 14, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

