

# Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** CIRA Airport Conference Room

**Date:** September 12, 2017

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

**Members not in attendance:**

**Guest(s):** Jeff Kroesch, Brenda Guest, Nick Modine, Minami Hiraoka, The Modines, The Verneys

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Darren.

- **Presentation by Nick**  
Nick made presentation about his stay in Asahikawa.  
Minami introduced herself to the committee.
- **Meeting Minutes:**
  1. August, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept by Kyle and seconded by Steven. It was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Catrina
  1. Budget & Expense reports for FY2017 and 2018 were prepared by Catrina. FY2019 proposed budget will be discussed next month for approval. Catrina will send detailed information by email to the members.
- **Chairman's report:**
  1. Catrina will be replaced by Dawn as Treasurer.
  2. Darren will nominate Vice Chair position to fill vacancy.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko
  1. Nick's survey response has been emailed to members. Please ask Nick if there is any question.
  2. Mitchell is reporting via his blog.
  3. Darren and Akiko are coordinating selection schedule for 2018-19 student in October/November time frame.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
  1. Minami is doing fine. But, there is some issue for her class assignment and Sanae will discuss with BHS to suit her best interest.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
  1. Toyoka and Jeff are coordinating informational meeting in November, and Jeff is preparing presentation material.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** N/A

- **Japanese Garden:** Reported by Steven
  1. Town of Normal replaced the board around the pond with stones. They also trimmed cherry tree.
  2. Weeding was done last Sunday.
  3. Grieder will work the last phase of project.
- **Long Range Planning:** n/a
- **Publicity:**
  1. Nick and Minami participated Labor Day parade, driven by Darren.
- **Special Events:** n/a
- **Old Business:** n/a
- **New Business:** n/a

At 8:23 p.m., Steven motioned and Cindy seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** October 2, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

