

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: November 6, 2017

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Robert Harrison, Sanae Ferrier, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Akiko Wilson

Members not in attendance: Kyle Silver, Cindy Hansen, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara,

Guest(s): Jeff Kroesch, Brenda Guest

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. October, 2017 minutes was presented and it was moved to accept, with changes to attendees (add Noha to attended) and the words for appointments of interim position, by Darren and seconded by Steven. It was approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report:** N/A

- **Chairman's report:**
 1. 2018 meeting dates are set and informed to members by email. They are: January 8 (pushed one week due to holiday), February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 9 (pushed one week due to holiday), August 6, September 10 (pushed one week due to holiday), October 1, November 5, December 3

- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko
 1. Mitchell: Mrs. Yamazaki wants to know if Mitchell should get flu shot at 3,000yen which Darren will check with parents.
 2. 2018-19 student selection: Interview is set for Nov. 12. There are 4 applicants and 1 must be eliminated from interview for which all members are asked to review information and inform Darren by Thursday. Darren will send email with all necessary information by Tuesday.

- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
 1. Minami is making progress at school curriculum selection with the help of advisers as well as Jeff and Sanae.
Host family is also trying to do new things so Minami can get adjusted with them more easily.

- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Jeff reported
 1. The informational meeting Jeff put together at BJHS had 18 attendees and other 6 parents are showing interest, too.
 2. Toyoka will arrange informational meeting in January.

- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** Brenda reported
 1. Brenda sent list of activities/places to visit that she comprised from the previous trips and some new ideas. She wants members to get back to her with opinion so she can come up with better plan for next March.

- **Japanese Garden:** n/a
 1. Town of Normal took care of water issue.
- **Long Range Planning:** n/a
- **Publicity:** n/a
- **Special Events:** n/a
- **Old Business:** n/a
 1. Ken requested the help by sister cities for Japanese School's Mochi-tsuki which is scheduled on Dec. 23. Last year the sister cities supported the activity by donating \$330. The date is not ideal and Ken will check if it could be moved up. This will be discussed again at next meeting.
- **New Business:** n/a

At 7:58 p.m., Robert motioned and Jeff seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: December 4, 2017, Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

