

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: February 12, 2018

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Akiko Wilson

Members not in attendance: Kyle Silver, Cindy Hansen, Robert Harrison, Jeff Kroesch

Guest(s): Jacob Springwood - Normal, IL

Meeting was called to order at 6:32p.m. by Darren.

- **Treasurer's Report:**
 1. Catrina submitted December report and it was moved to approve receiving by Steven, seconded by Toyoka and unanimously approved by the board.
 2. Darren reported he received a check from the Modine Family for \$1,000 as a donation.
- **Chairman's report:**
 1. A guest Jacob was introduced. He is a NCWHC graduate and going to Chiba, Japan and stay there for 3 months.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko
 1. Mitchell: He is doing well and staying with Kato family till end of February. His family is visiting Asahikawa in March.
 2. 2018-19 Asia: She is working on Japanese and the progress is very good. She will attend Asahikawa Kita High School.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
 1. Minami is doing well with school and with host family. Her grade is improving as she started to speak more. She is now in Florida with host family for a vacation.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Toyoka reported
 1. Orientation meeting is done and hoping there will be more than 5 students going this time. So, we need a chaperone.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**
 1. Madoka Ushio is visiting here at the same timing as JA though her stay is just for a few days.
- **Japanese Garden:**
 1. Weeding schedule will be published when it gets warmer.
- **Long Range Planning:** n/a
- **Publicity:**
 1. St Patrick Day Parade in Normal: Plan to attend subject to availability of the vehicle.
- **Special Events:** n/a
- **Old Business:** n/a

- **New Business:** n/a

At 7:32 p.m., Ken motioned and Steven seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2018 at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

