

## Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** CIRA Airport Conference Room

**Date:** April 9, 2018

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

**Excused Absence:** Toyoka Nishihara, Akiko Wilson

**Guest(s):** Brenda Guest, Sally Modine, Dawn McBride

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Minutes for March was presented and it was moved to accept, with one grammatical correction, by Cindy seconded by Kyle. Then it was approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Reported by Catrina

1. February report was submitted with notable income of \$1,000, a donation by the Modines.
2. March report will be made after all the expenses are submitted by those who worked for the Junior Ambassadors trip in the last week of March.

- **Chairman's report:**

1. Ms. Toshiko Ota, a long time committee member of Asahikawa, passed on March 28. She is greatly missed. Our committee made an arrangement for flowers at the funeral.
2. This is Cindy's last committee meeting and appreciate for the works she has done in the last 9 years.
3. Ms. Madoka Ushio, Asahikawa committee chairperson, visited at same timing as JA visit and Darren took her to U-High, Normal Town Hall and others. It was an eyeopener for her to see the classrooms of American high school which is quite different from its counterpart. She had to leave a day early because of her husband's illness.

- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Noha and Ken

1. Mitchell: He is doing well. His family visit in March went well.
2. 2018-19 Asia: Ken is working with Asia for her Japanese lesson while Akiko is away. Her progress is good. She accompanied most of the programs of JA visit and had chances of brushing up her Japanese, too.

- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae

1. Minami is doing well with school and with host family.
2. 2018-19 Chiyu Kato: Need host family. Sanae visited NCHS and arranging application for her admission.

- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Jeff reported

1. Total number of students is now at 11. They have started orientation sessions including Japanese and some entertainment.

- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** Reported by Cindy and Brenda

1. Every person from the visitors to the host families had a wonderful time and the students enjoyed planned programs.
2. Some of the programs we thought particularly good are Lunch at HCC, visit to Arthur.
3. Each member who accompanied them is requested to write brief report and submit to Brenda for future sake.

- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** N/A
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
  1. Ken will plan on issuing newsletter soon.
- **Old Business:** n/a
- **New Business:** n/a

At 7:38 p.m., Robert motioned and Kyle seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: May 7, 2018** at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

