

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: July 9, 2018

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Jeff Kroesch, Ken Ota,

Excused Absence: Dawn McBride, Catrina Murphy, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Kyle Silver, Akiko Wilson

Absent without notice: Robert Harrison

Guest(s): Sally Modine, Patrick Clapper

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. by Ken.

Since there were only 4 members out of 11 present, it **failed to make a quorum**. So it proceeded as **unofficial information exchange meeting**.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Minutes for June was presented and reviewed by the members in present and everything looked good. It will be re-submitted in August meeting for approval.
- **Treasurer's Report:** N/A
- **Chairman's report:** Darren submitted by email and read by Ken.
 1. Guest, Patrick Clapper of Normal, was introduced and he is interested in the committee activities.
 2. Thanks to all who contributed to the Sister Cities Newsletter. Lots of great photos.
 3. Resignations: The committee has accepted Dawn's and Toyoka's resignations.
 4. I will work individually with Sally and Brenda on application for appointment to the committee
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Darren and Akiko via email
 1. Mitchell: Darren will coordinate with Mitchell who is presenting at the Aug. meeting.
 2. 2018-19 Asia:
 - a. Asia's VISA has been applied for and she should be getting her passport back from Chicago in the near future. Darren has also completed the rules review with her and her parents.
 - b. Asia has been studying very hard and her Japanese skills are getting better and better.
 - c. Ken visited Museum of History with Asia to learn about this local community. Hopefully, we can arrange meeting with Mary Anne for her input.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
 1. Search for future host families still continues without much success. So, any information on possible volunteers is appreciated.
 2. Chiyu has allergy with cat. Dog is not so bad as long as she doesn't stay too close for long time.
 3. Chiyu's English test results are not in the acceptable level for SCI and they request NCHS principal to send email accepting her admission. Sanae has been communicating with NCHS and Darren sent email to him, as well.

- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Jeff reported
 1. Everyone came back safely and they all enjoyed the trip. Darren will be submitting full report to Jeff as part of the lessons learned process so that the orientation and preparation of future trips can be improved. Toyoka will be submitting a similar report.
 2. Jeff is working for 2019 trip and from what he sees there's a good possibility of having 15 students to be in the next year's trip.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** Steven reported
 1. Next weeding day is July 14 (Sat) 9:30am – 11:30am
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken will make presentation of our program to B/N Sunset Rotary Club on July 18th and Mitchell will accompany.
 2. Labor Day Parade: Ken submitted registration form to AFL-CIO. Trying to find the convertible now.

- **Old Business:** N/A

- **New Business:** n/a

Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2018 at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.



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