

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: August 6, 2018

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Jeff Kroesch, Catrina Murphy, Ken Ota, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Kyle Silver, Akiko Wilson

Excused Absence: Robert Harrison, Dawn McBride,

Absent without notice:

Guest(s): Sally Modine, Patrick Clapper, Ryan Apple

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

- **Guests:**

1. Ryan Apple, former exchange student, attended for the first time.
2. Asia Quizon-Colquitt and her mother, Desiree, attended to say good-bye to the members as she leaves for Asahikawa on 8/8/18 early morning. They thanked all the help extended to her for preparation.

- **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Minutes for June was presented and it was moved to accept by Kyle seconded by Jeff, and it was approved unanimously.

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

1. June/July report was submitted. Since there was no issue it was motioned to accept by Kyle, seconded by Steven then was approved unanimously.

- **Chairman's report:** by Darren

1. New Officers for next year: New officers are to be elected in the October meeting to take place from November. The positions are Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Noha and Steven volunteered and were selected as nominating committee and will announce the slate of officers at September meeting. Anybody interested in the position is encouraged to contact the committee. Beside those who are recommended by the committee, any nomination at the time of voting is accepted provided prior consent by those who are recommended should be obtained.
2. Term limit by Bloomington is not reflected in our By-Laws and there are some other portion in the By-Laws that are outdated. So, the review is necessary.
3. New members: Cody Hendricks is to be nominated by the Bloomington city council next week. Still working for Sally and Brenda.
4. HAPPI (20) is completed and will be available for future functions where members can wear. Thanks to Darren and her mother for the contribution.

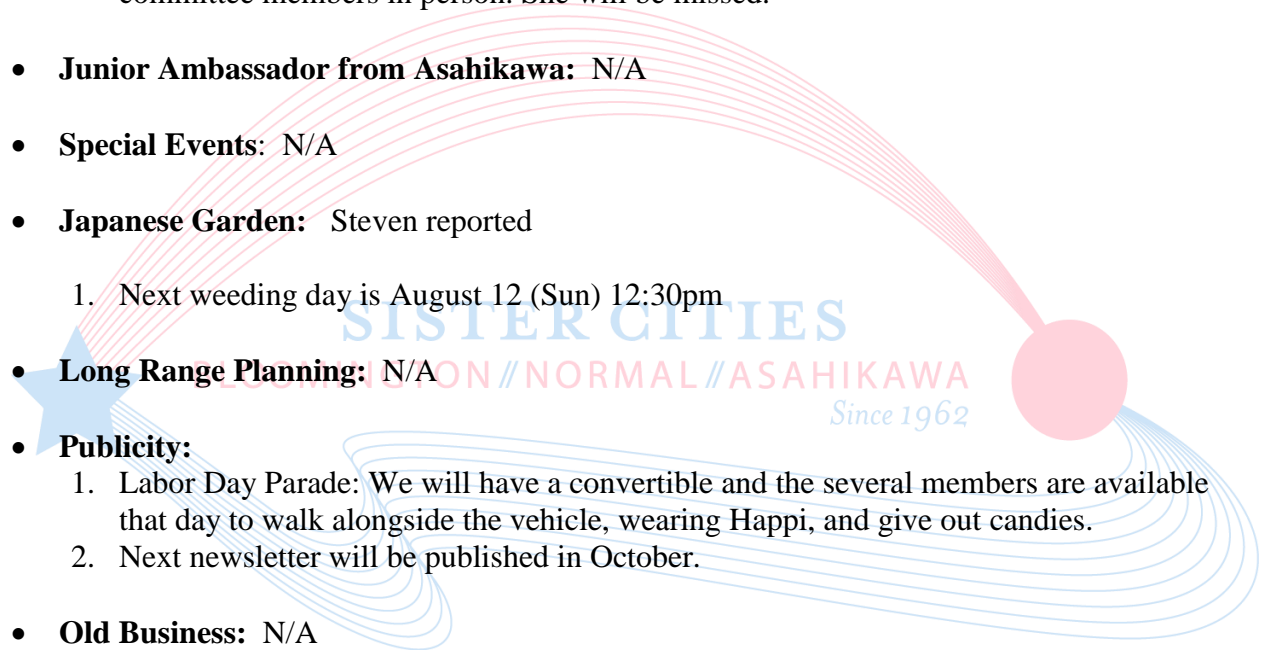


- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko
 1. Asia worked hard and progressed very well in her preparation.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
 1. Chiyu arrived safely and is now staying with host family. Sanae will visit NCHS with Chiyu on 8/7 to talk various things necessary for Chiyu to start new school year. Darren will see her to go through basic things to make sure she is on the same page as what the committee expects.
 2. Still looking for other host families.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Darren and Jeff reported
 1. Darren expressed he had an amazing experience. Students behaved well and everything was excellent. Preparation for the visit was well planned and covered all the things necessary. Toyoka's visit was also very good as she could say good-byes to their committee members in person. She will be missed.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** Steven reported
 1. Next weeding day is August 12 (Sun) 12:30pm
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Labor Day Parade: We will have a convertible and the several members are available that day to walk alongside the vehicle, wearing Happi, and give out candies.
 2. Next newsletter will be published in October.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:54 p.m., Kyle motioned and Jeff seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2018 6:30pm at Airport Conference Room (There will be a gathering from 5:30pm inviting Chiyu and Mitchell.)

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.



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