

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: December 3, 2018

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

Excused Absence: Cody Hendricks

Absent without notice: Steven Campbell

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

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Minutes for November was presented, and it was moved to accept with correction of Chiyu name by Dawn seconded by Kyle, and it was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** by Catrina & Dawn
 1. November: Nothing unusual and Jeff moved to accept receiving report seconded by Sanae and approved unanimously.
 2. 2019-20 Budget: Budget for new year (May, 19 to April, 20) was proposed at \$27,201 which is same as current fiscal year budget. Since we do not expect any major change it was moved to accept by Darren, seconded by Kyle and approved unanimously.
- **Chairman's report:** by Darren
 1. Darren will check Town of Normal for the progress of new applications for 3 prospective members.
- **Highschool students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko, Noha and Darren
 1. Asia is doing fine. Her blog was introduced.
 2. 2019-20 student: Interviewed two applicants and selected Anthony Diaz as exchange student for next year. His mother is a former exchange student. Akiko already met him twice to begin Japanese lesson.
- **Highschool students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae
 1. Chiyu is doing fine at school. She moved to new host family, Danna and Chad Boore who will take Chiyu to Florida during winter break.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff
 1. Trip is tentatively scheduled from around June 1.
 2. Informational meeting at BJHS on 11/5 went well with 30 attendees. Another meeting is scheduled at the Airport on 1/20/19 1pm-3pm.
 3. Need chaperons.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**
 1. Schedule obtained from Facebook shows the arrival is March 26 (Tue) and leave for Chicago on April 1 (Mon). Since the weekend is reserved for the host families, there are only three days in which all activities are to be planned. So, we need to condense the programs and make plan accordingly. Ken will reconfirm the schedule with Asahikawa

committee.

- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** N/A
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken will publish e-CONNECT Holiday Greeting version in mid December.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 8:09 p.m., Ken motioned, and Kyle seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: January 7, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

