

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: January 7, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Sanae Ferrier, Cody Hendricks, Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Ken Ota, Sally Modine, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Akiko Wilson,

Excused Absence: Kyle Silver, Catrina Murphy, Patrick Clapper

Absent without notice: Steven Campbell

Guest(s): Chiyu Kato, Danna Boore

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

- **Special guest Chiyu Kato:**

1. Chiyu made speech regarding her experience for the last 5 months, followed by Q&A session. Her participation to Year Book project has helped her a lot and she is enjoying taking pictures/doing interviews. She will be the team manager for host sister's soccer team. The most fun she's experienced is homecoming.

- **Meeting Minutes:**

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

- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn

1. December report: Nothing unusual and Ryan moved to accept receiving report seconded by Sally and approved unanimously.

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

1. Town of Normal approved new members Ryan, Sally and Patrick. We will take pictures of each member next month to update our website.
2. Organization chart was distributed and Darren requested each member to participate at least one of four sub-committees. We will fill out the names at the next meeting.
3. Made generic business card and distributed to members who are encouraged to use the card for PR.

- **Highschool students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko

1. Asia is doing fine. Her report was updated on the blog.
2. Anthony is working hard and has already shown good progress.

- **Highschool students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae

1. Sanae is working to get ticket for Chiyu. Meantime, her 3rd host family is in the approving process and hopefully she will move to new host in March.
2. According to Mrs. Yamasaki of Asahikawa committee new student for 2019-20 has been selected. But, we do not have further information at this time.

- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff

1. Informational meeting is scheduled at the Airport on 1/20/19 1pm-3pm.

- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:**

1. Received flight schedule and member information from Asahikawa. There will be 6 girls and 4 boys with 2 chaperons, arriving here on the 26th evening. So, we will have all of activities on 3 days, which Dawn will work as point person to coordinate establishing the schedule.
2. Darren will work on the transportation.
3. Welcome/Farewell Party: We will hold one event on the 29th evening. There were many ideas raised by the members for the venue and the meal. Each member will check and will exchange information by mass mailing on the 15th and then on the 22nd.

- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** N/A
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:** N/A
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:45 p.m., Ken motioned, and Darren seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

