

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: April 8, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Steven Campbell, Patrick Clapper, Sanae Ferrier, Brenda Guest, Jeff Kroesch Dawn McBride, Sally Modine, Catrina Murphy, Ken Ota, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Kyle Silver,

Excused Absence: Cody Hendricks, Akiko Wilson

Absent without notice:

Guest(s): Laura Tepen, Katherine Scheck, Jaron Huffman

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**

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

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

1. March report: Nothing unusual and Darren moved to accept receiving report seconded by Kyle and approved unanimously.
2. Asahikawa Junior Ambassador related expenses were reported. With fewer days than usual total spent was much lower than usual. Final report will be made for next meeting.

- **Chairman's report:**

1. Guests were introduced. Laura is going to be approved at 4/22 council meeting. Katherine and Jaron are new attendees for the meeting.
2. Darren accompanied whole schedule with JA visitors and could appreciate what we are doing and how the visitors were reacting at each of those places we planned. Overall everything went smoothly and everybody had a good time.
3. Darren is going to propose a new apparel for all members that shows our logo. It's a polo that the visiting members of 55th trip wore and the logo with minus 55th anniversary. He will check further and will come back to the board next time.

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

1. Asia is doing fine and the report is on her blog page.
2. Noha is preparing paperwork of visa application for Anthony.

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

1. Chiyu is doing fine, and active with soccer team. She experienced some back pain but is fine now.
2. We need to begin our search of host family for new student coming in August. It must be within District 87 boundary.

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

1. 4 boys and 3 girl have signed up and started preparation. Steven and one more chaperon are accompanying this time.
2. Jeff booked the flights departing from Peoria with good rate. It's leaving Peoria and fly to Minneapolis and then to Asahikawa via Haneda. Layover time is relatively short and the freight is cheaper than going from O'Hare. This route is recommended for Anthony

and also to Japanese Highschool student coming this year.

3. We don't have any student from Unit-5 this year. This is something we need to explore for next year.

- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:**

1. Everything went well.
2. For next year, we need to add contact info of places we visit on the itinerary so just in case something happens we should be able to inform accordingly.

- **Special Events:** N/A

- **Japanese Garden:**

1. Steven is preparing the weeding dates next month.

- **Long Range Planning:** N/A

- **Publicity:** N/A

- **Old Business:** N/A

- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:44 p.m., Kyle motioned, and Ken seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

