

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: May 6, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Steven Campbell, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest
Cody Hendricks,, Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Sally Modine, Catrina Murphy, Ken Ota,
Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki, Laura Tepen,

Excused Absence: Akiko Wilson, Kyle Silver,

Absent without notice:

Guest(s): Jaron Huffman, Sanae Ferrier, Chiyu Kato

Meeting was called to order at 6:33p.m. by Darren.

- **Guest: Chiyu Kato**

1. Since Chiyu is leaving at the end of the month, this was the last chance for her to come to the meeting. Chiyu made a prepared speech and was well received by the board members. Darren indicated appreciation for all the help both host families extended to her during her stay, without which this program cannot be successful.
2. She will be leaving on May 26th (Sun) at 7:05am from Bloomington. Sanae is planning to hold open house and will inform the details to members whose presence will be welcomed.

- **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Minutes for April was presented, and it was moved to accept by Steven seconded by Patrick, and it was approved unanimously.

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

1. April report including Asahikawa Junior Ambassador related charges: April report is nothing unusual. Final expense report was submitted and it was noted that total amount used was around \$2,000 less than 2018. Both reports were moved to accept by Jeff, seconded by Ryan and the board approved unanimously.

- **Chairman's report:** N/A

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

1. Asia is doing fine and the report is on her blog page.
2. Noha will discuss with travel agent to make arrangement for Anthony's flights.

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

1. Chiyu is doing fine, and active with soccer team. She experienced some back pain but is fine now.
2. 2019-20 student (Himeno Yamazaki): Ryan is talking with BHS for arrangements to receive new exchange student.

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

1. Preparation is going on well. Facebook closed group has been established.

- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A

- **Special Events:**
 1. We will participate the Memorial Day parade on May 27th morning. Details will be informed by Ken after hearing from the parade committee.
- **Japanese Garden:**
 1. Steven distributed the planned dates for weeding from May through October. Since he will be travelling to Japan in June he needs somebody to work on that date.
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken will publish e-Connect in the next couple of weeks.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:38 p.m., Jeff motioned, and Steven seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

