

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: June 3, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest, Jeff Kroesch,
Dawn McBride, Ken Ota, Darren Sampson, Noha Shawki,

Excused Absence: Steven Campbell, Cody Hendricks, Sally Modine, Laura Tepen,

Absent without notice: Akiko Wilson, Kyle Silver

Guest(s): Jaron Huffman, Katherine Scheck

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Minutes for May was presented, and it was moved to accept by Patrick seconded by Dawn, and it was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn
 1. May report was presented with usual items and it was moved to accept by Jeff, seconded by Patrick and the board approved unanimously.
- **Chairman's report:**
 1. Catrina submitted her resignation from the board because of her busy schedule.
- **Highschool students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Noha
 1. Asia is coming back in two weeks.
 2. Anthony is leaving on August 12. Noha already booked his return trip in June, 2020.
- **Highschool students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Ryan
 1. Himeno Yamazaki: Ryan is meeting a potential host family on Thursday to discuss further.
 2. Dawn proposed to review the amount of stipend which has been set at \$140 for some time. Increasing to \$160/month was suggested and it was agreed to discuss this issue next month.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff
 1. Everything is going on well in Japan.
- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:**
 1. Next weeding day is June 9th, 12:30pm-2pm
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. E-Connect was issued last week.

- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:22 p.m., Ken motioned, and Brenda seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

