

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: July 8, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Steven Campbell, Jeff Kroesch, Sally Modine, Ken Ota, Darren Sampson, Kyle Silver, Laura Tepen, Akiko Wilson

Excused Absence: Cody Hendricks, Dawn McBride, Noha Shawki, Patrick Clapper,

Absent without notice:, Brenda Guest,

Guest(s): Jaron Huffman, Katherine Scheck, Paul Bliss

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m. by Darren.

- **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Minutes for June was presented, and it was moved to accept with change of date for July meeting by Kyle seconded by Jeff, and it was approved unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn via email to Darren

1. June expense total \$865.23 which includes usual stipend plus Junior Ambassador related expenses. There was a refund of \$22.76. The motion to approve June report was made by Sally seconded by Kyle and unanimously approved by the board.

- **Chairman's report:**

1. State Farm Neighborhood grant \$500 for Darren has been received.
2. Will start process for adding Jaron and Katherine (both Bloomington residents) to the board.

- **High School students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Akiko *Since 1962*

1. Asia came home safely. She will come to August meeting and make presentation about her experience.
2. Anthony's study is progressing fine. He finished book-1 already. His visa application has been submitted to Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago.
3. Welcome/Farewell party is planned for either 21st or 28th of July. Darren, Sally and Ken to coordinate.

- **High School students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Ryan

1. Himeno Yamazaki: Still looking for host family. Pet allergy
2. Stipend: To increase stipend from \$140 to \$160/month starting this August was discussed and then Ryan moved to approve the increase, seconded by Kyle and approved unanimously by the board.

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

1. Everything went fine in Japan and everybody enjoyed the trip.
2. 7 students chaperoned by Crystal Law and Steven Campbell visited Japan. Asahikawa committee took good care of visitors and the trip included such places as Chuo Junior High School, Asahiyama Zoo, Fire Station, Mt. Asahidake, Aoike Lake and so on. Every student enjoyed the time spent with their host families playing games or participating some activities.

- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Special Events:**
 1. We will participate in the Labor Day Parade on Sept. 2 (Mon) 10 a.m.
- **Japanese Garden:**
 1. Next weeding day is July 12 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:41 p.m., Ken motioned, and Kyle seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

