

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: Sept. 9, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Steven Campbell, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest, Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Sally Modine, Ken Ota, Noha Shawki, , Laura Tepen, Akiko Wilson

Excused Absence: Darren Sampson, Kyle Silver

Absent without notice:,

Guest(s): Katherine Scheck, Minami Hiraoka

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**

1. Minutes for August was presented. Dawn pointed out that the timing to submit expenses for checks is Monday instead of Tuesday of the 2nd and 4th week. Patrick moved to accept the minutes with the change and it was seconded by Ryan, and it was approved unanimously.

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

1. August expense was stipend \$160 only. The motion to approve June report was made by Sally seconded by Steven and unanimously approved by the board.

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

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

1. Anthony arrived Asahikawa safely and started his work.
2. 2020-21 student: Noha is planning to start campaign next month for selection in November.

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

1. Himeno Yamazaki started school. Everything is good now. We still need to search next host family.
2. Discussed about welcoming function as Asahikawa welcomes new student well and we should hold something especially for freshly arrived student. Jeff will ask Darren's intention. Meantime, Steven will check availability of city owned White Oak Community Room.

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

1. Jeff will start planning next round of recruiting work for 2020 trip.

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

- **Special Events:** N/A

- **Japanese Garden:**

1. Next weeding day is September 14 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken wants to issue next newsletter in early October.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

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

Next Meeting: October 7, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

