

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: November 4, 2019

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Patrick Clapper, Brenda Guest

Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Sally Modine, Ken Ota, Noha Shawki,

Excused Absence: Steven Campbell, Darren Sampson, Laura Tepen

Absent without notice:, Kyle Silver

Guest(s): Katherine Scheck, Chiko Tsukamoto

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Minutes for October was presented. In budget talk next ceremony was noted as the 65th but it should be the 60th. So, the motion to accept the minutes with this minor change was made by Dawn, seconded by Patrick, and it was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn
 1. October expense was nothing unusual. The motion to approve the report was made by Ryan seconded by Sally and unanimously approved by the board.
 2. Budget for 2020 and 5 years Forecast: Dawn submitted final numbers based on the discussion held and approved in October which resulted in slight change. The revised plan was moved to accept by Ryan, seconded by Dawn and approved unanimously by the board.
- **Chairman's report:** N/A
- **High School students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff and Noha
 1. Anthony is doing fine and his report (blog) is up.
 2. 2020-21 student: As of today the application was submitted by one person. Discussed whether to extend the deadline date. But, the consensus was to post one more time on the social media telling those who intend to apply but all documents are not in can approach the committee with his or her intention so we can tell if there is only one applicant or not. Jeff will communicate with former JA members, and Ken will post it on Facebook.
- **High School students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Ryan
 1. Himeno is doing well. Ryan encouraged board members to spend some time, like weekend, with Himeno so host family may be able to have their own time.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff
 1. Jeff is doing informational session at BJHS and will do the presentation on 11/17. Informational meeting at Airport will be done sometime in January.
- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Special Events:** N/A

- **Japanese Garden:**
 1. Weeding day is done for the year.
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken will issue next newsletter sometime in December.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

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

Next Meeting: December 2, 2019 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

