

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: CIRA Airport Conference Room

Date: January 6, 2020

Members in attendance: Ryan Apple, Jeff Kroesch, Dawn McBride, Sally Modine, Darren Sampson, Ken Ota, Noha Shawki, Brenda Guest, Kyle Silver

Excused Absence: Steven Campbell, Laura Tepen.

Absent without notice:

Guest(s): Katherine Scheck, Chiko Tsukamoto

Meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m. by Darren Sampson.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. Minutes for December was presented. Darren moved to accept the minutes with one grammatical error and was seconded by Dawn, then it was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn
 1. December expense was nothing unusual. The motion to approve report was made by Sally seconded by Kyle and unanimously approved by the board.
- **Chairman's report:** by Darren
 1. Tragic happened over the Christmas time that the Sugai family's home caught fire and they lost Mrs. Sugai.
- **High School students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Noha
 1. Anthony is doing fine.
 2. 2020-21 student: Kaylee's Japanese lesson started with Ken in December.
 3. Asia submitted her report.
- **High School students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Ryan
 1. Himeno is doing all right. Sally took her out for shopping in December and she seemed to have been doing fine.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff
 1. General informational meeting will be held on 1/26/20 1-3pm at Airport conference room.
 2. Scholarship: John P. King Award to provide financial assistance to family seeking JA trip. Darren and Jeff will come up with the way to administer the adoption of this award by the 26th meeting.
- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A
 1. Preparation should start soon.
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:**
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A

- **Publicity:**
 1. Ken will issue next newsletter in mid January.
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:43 p.m., Jeff motioned, and Ken seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: February 3, 2020 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

