

## Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

**Place:** CIRA Airport Conference Room

**Date:** February 3, 2020

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

**Excused Absence:** Steven Campbell, Laura Tepen, Kyle Silver, Patrick Clapper

**Absent without notice:**

**Guest(s):** Katherine Scheck, Chiko Tsukamoto

Meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. by Darren Sampson.

- **Meeting Minutes:**
  1. Minutes for December was presented. Ryan moved to accept the minutes and was seconded by Dawn, then it was approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** by Dawn
  1. January expense was nothing unusual. The motion to approve report was made by Jeff seconded by Ryan and unanimously approved by the board.
- **Chairman's report:** by Darren
  1. Chiko's nomination is in today's agenda at Normal Council and should be approved.
  2. Will arrange "get together" soon.
- **High School students to Asahikawa:** Reported by Noha
  1. Anthony is doing fine. He traveled to Sapporo with friends during holidays.
  2. Kaylee is continuing Japanese lesson with Ken on a weekly basis.
- **High School students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Ryan
  1. Himeno is doing fine. Committee decided that we should try to find another host family for the last 3 months of her stay.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Jeff
  1. Jeff received application from 15 students. Several orientation sessions have been scheduled.
  2. Scholarship: John P. King Award is not being used this year as one candidate dropped out.
- **Junior Ambassadors from Asahikawa:** N/A
  1. Committee will meet on 2/7/20 6p.m. to figure out schedule.
- **Special Events:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** N/A
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A
- **Publicity:** N/A
- **Old Business:** N/A
- **New Business:** N/A

At 7:33 p.m., Ken motioned, and Darren seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** March 2, 2020 6:30 pm at Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.