

Bloomington-Normal Japanese Sister Cities Committee Meeting

Place: Osbourne Room of Bloomington Police Department

Date: October 3, 2016

Members in attendance: Steven Campbell, Sanae Ferrier, Cindy Hansen, Robert Harrison
Leticia Montesdeoca, Catrina Murphy, Toyoka Nishihara, Ken Ota, Dawn Sadicoff,
Noha Shawki, Darren Sampson, Mary Ann Schierman, Kyle Silver, Akiko Wilson

Members not in attendance: Mike McKnight, Jesse Padilla, Harriett Steinbach,

Absent without notice:

Guest(s): Dawn McBride

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

- **Meeting Minutes:**
 1. September minute was presented and moved by Toyoka to approve as is, seconded by Steven and approved unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Catrina
 1. September result was submitted. Move to approve with correction by Dawn, seconded by MaryAnn and approved.
- **Chair's report:**
 1. Harriett sent her note via email, indicating her decision to step down from the committee at the end of the month after serving for 8.5 years of which 2 years as the chair. She has many fond memories working for the sister cities and she will help Toyoka in the planning of the 55th anniversary trip.
- **Senior High students to Asahikawa:** Akiko and Darren
 1. Nick's blog is open and the link was informed by Akiko via email. He started his school this week.
 2. 2017-18 student: Informational meeting is set for October 16. Flyers will go out soon.
- **Senior High students from Asahikawa:** Reported by Sanae.
 1. Taisei is doing good except some problem with the test of calculus due to language issue. Keith Moldovan (father) will try to communicate with school for possible solution.
- **Junior Ambassadors to Asahikawa:** Reported by Toyoka
 1. Idea to coincide the timing of trip to the 55th was raised by Toyoka and she will discuss further with Mrs. Takasugi.
- **Junior Ambassador from Asahikawa:** N/A
- **Japanese Garden:** Steven
 1. Upgrading Project: Steven signed contract with Grieder for our project. The work will be split into two phases, fall and spring.
- **Long Range Planning:** N/A

- **Publicity:**

1. ISU Homecoming is on October 8 (Sat): Darren will participate with Taisei.
2. Newsletter: Would like to publish fall issue in October.

- **Special Events:** N/A

- **Old Business:**

1. 55th Trip: Toyoka

Toyoka received proposals with itineraries from IACE and JTV, which she charted to show differences for clear understanding of members. Price estimate is around \$2,900 from both companies. But, IACE proposal includes more activities/visits and looks more attractive. Also the committee has more experience working with them in the past. After discussion the motion to use IACE as our travel agent was submitted by Steven, seconded by Kyle and everybody approved to carry the motion.

- **New Business:**

1. Election of officers: Nominating committee recommended officers for 3 positions and Steven seconded the motion, then approved by the committee unanimously.

- Chair – Darren Sampson
- Vice Chair – Catrina Murphy
- Secretary – Ken Ota

Treasurer position is open and Catrina will look after until such time that someone is taking over.

At 7:50 p.m., Toyoka moved and Sanae seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2016 Place Airport Conference Room

Respectfully submitted, Ken Ota.

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