

PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting of January 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Alcantar in the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Fred Alcantar jr., Jim Barry, Olivia Bueno, Ofelia Cavazos-Edmondson, Maggie Gihanian, Angie Gomez, Taleen Hindoyan, Deborah, Mindry, Marcia Montez, Gary Moody, Silva Ohanian. Joan Reyes, Tamara Silver, Isabelle Warner, Michael Warner, Horace Williams, (16).

New Members: Sabrina Minjares (ST), Adrian Jayasinte, William Lowery, Janell Ramirez, Achala Ineeringle, Swarna Gunaratne, , Shantha Sutharshana, Ara Sarafian (8).

Guest: David Ashby (1)

1) Approved Minutes 15 November 2018 – (Not sure if it was Tamara) and Joan Reyes 2nd. December Minutes tabled for February.

2) Treasurer's report: Approved expenditure. Motion to continue to send the president to the SCI Conference was passed.

3) Committee Reports:

a. Japan (Bryan Takeda) – No Report.

b. Finland (Tamara Silver) – No Report.

c. China (Cathy Wei) – No Report.

d. Armenia (Taleen Hindoyan). Although the subcommittee has not met in the month of January, we have received New Year and Christmas greetings from Vanadzor city hall. We have returned the well wishes. A short conversation has taken place to confirm that we will both make efforts to realize the summer camp exchange program this summer.

e. Germany (Maureen McConnell) – Our Ludwigshafen sister city has already chosen their student to send to us this coming summer. We will have details later as things get finalized.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Reinhart will visit Pasadena over Easter week. We will share details and any group event that gets organized as the time approaches.

f. Africa (Senegal) (Gary Moody) Expecting a 7 member delegation from Dakar-Plateau, led by its mayor, Mr. Alioune Ndoye. The trip is currently planned for May 2019. A MOU draft was discussed and approved at a January 8 meeting. The committee is also working on building its structural groups. The committee is expanding its size thanks to new recruits. One of the new recruits, Pascal Mpeck lives in Cannes, France. As an artist, he contributed the great Obama painting hanging in the Central Library's Humanities Room. Last year, he became a member at our Xmas party, which he attended as my guest while visiting Pasadena. During a brief talk about Mayor Ndoye's visit, he kindly offered a painting as his contribution to our committee's gift fund. On Sunday January 21, he called from his home on the French Riviera to report that the painting was in the works and should be ready by mid-February. Pascal also requested that his PSCC badge be sent to his address in Cannes, France.

g. Student Coordinator (Maggie Gihanian) – Talked briefly about the two applications for this next summer.

4) **SoCal / SCI:** Regional Meeting Next meeting in Laguna on 9 March 2019.

5) Old business:

a. April we have the Central Library Display cases reserved we plan to display all 6 sister cities.

b. Dakar-Plateau , Senegal MOU signing for 6 or 13 May 2019 at City Hall Council meeting.

6) New Business:

It was motioned and voted in favor of a Ad Hoc Committee for Sri Lanka with William Lowery as chair.

Next PSCC Meeting: 21 February 2019 – Same location 984 East Locust Street; Pasadena

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Bueno, Secretary