

# PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

## Minutes of Meeting of February 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Alcantar in the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Fred Alcantar jr., Bob Aronhoff, Jim Barry, Olivia Bueno, Boualem Bousset, Carla Boykin, Maggie Gihanian, Angie Gomez, Nova Hindoyan, Taleen Hindoyan, Nevart Jamgotchian, Aeshen Jayasinha, Betty Keushguerian, Helen Kouyoumdjian, Maureen Mc Connell, Sabrina Minjares, Marcia Montez, Silva Ohanian. Joan Reyes, Ara Sarafian, Rosalinda (ST) Schiess, Tamara Silver, Bryan Takeda, Isabelle Warner, Michael Warner, Horace Williams, (26).

**Guest:** Raequel London, Manushak Malatian (2)

**1) Approved Minutes** 24 January 2019 as corrected & 1 December 2018 –

**2) Treasurer's report:** Approved expenditures: Motion passed for memorial service flowers – Boualem Bousset 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcia Montez. Motion by Angie Gomez; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tamara up to \$1900 to cover early Registration for SCI conference in Houston in July. If more than 4 members go, it will be split between them. Proof of registration and attendance is required. Passed. Motion to partly utility costs of 3 churches \$100 each for General Meeting, Armenia meeting, and Senegal meeting. Passed

**3) Committee Reports:**

**a. Japan** (Bryan Takeda) – 10 students, 2 university exchange student, and 2 chaperones are expected to arrive in Pasadena on 30 July for the Friendship 2019 summer youth exchange program that will run from July 30 to August 6. Two of the students will be university exchange students who will be in Pasadena for an additional 2 weeks, departing for Japan on August 19. The one week program will include visits to:

- UCLA - Hollywood and Highland, Farmer's Market and Griffith Observatory - The California Science Center, Space Shuttle Endeavor, Grand Central Market and Japanese American National Museum - Battleship USS Iowa - Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego Padres baseball game - Universal Studios Hollywood

The college students will participate in a few volunteer opportunities including Union Station and the Pasadena Japanese Cultural Center. Please let us know about other opportunities. Recruitment for Pasadena area participants including host families. Please contact Bryan Takeda at [affinity2000@earthlink.net](mailto:affinity2000@earthlink.net) or (626) 396-9927.

**b. Finland** (Tamara Silver) – 5 students and two teachers due end of April 2019.

**c. China** (Cathy Wei) – No Report.

**d. Armenia** (Taleen Hindoyan). Pending report

**e. Germany** (Maureen McConnell) – Our incoming student from Ludwigshafen this summer will be Kyra Krall. She was the translator for Mayor Tournek last summer during the festivities there in 2018. Kyra would like to visit sometime between June and the end of August and is interested in an internship in urban planning or television, radio or theatre production if any of those are possible. Michael Warner is working on that now, and I'll be reaching out for host families soon regarding housing. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Reinhart will visit Pasadena over Easter weekend. We will share details and any group event that gets organized as the time approaches.

**f. Africa** (Senegal) (Boualem Bousset) Expecting a 8 member delegation from Dakar-Plateau, led by its mayor, Mr. Alioune Ndoye. The trip is currently planned for 3rd to 12th May 2019. An MOU draft was discussed. Not seen by PSCC. The committee has been structured into 12 working groups, which meet per their own schedule and agenda but report at a weekly committee meeting. In as much as possible, to reciprocate for the very warm hosting of the Pasadena delegation in March 2018 by the mayor of Dakar-plateau and his committee, we intend to cover all Pasadena expenses of the visiting delegation. For that purpose, we are looking at fundraising between \$30K and 50K.

**g. Ad Hoc Committee Sri Lanka** (William Lowery) – No Report.

**h. Student Coordinator** (Maggie Gihanian) – Talked briefly about the 8 applications for this next summer, working on an interview date.

**4) SoCal / SCI:** Regional Meeting Next meeting in Laguna Beach on 9 March 2019. SCI Annual Conference 17 to 19 July 2019 in Houston, TX.

**5) Old business:**

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

b. Talked about the need to set a date for this year's Annual Meeting. Suggestions of 23 or 24 November or 7 or 14 December.

**6) New Business:**

a. Discussion and motion to change the Student Policy age range; Motion by Michael Warner 2d Tamara Silver change to 16 to 29 years of age for students applying for exchanges. Vote 11 yes; 7 no; with 20 eligible. Passed.

b. Summer BBQ tentative set for 3 August 2019.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Bueno, Secretary