

PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting of May 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Alcantar in the Trinity Lutheran Church Reception Room at 6:06 p.m. (Another group was using the Fellowship Hall)

Members Present: Fred Alcantar Jr, Taliba Carr, Ofelia Cavazos-Edmondson, Elisia Farmer, Angie Gomez, Nova Hindoyan, Taleen Hindoyan, Helen Kouyoumdjian, Ross Mc Connell, Marcia Montez, Silva Ohanian, Jade (ST) Roman, Ara Sarafian, Tamara Silver, Marcia Montez, Laura Terry, Michael Warner, Cathy Wei (18). **Renewal Member:** Raequel London. (1).

1) Minutes: 21 March 2019 passed motion by Ross second by Marcia; 18 April 19 was corrected motion by Angie second by Ross.

2) Treasurer's report: Expenditures: combined the following into one motion; 6 Months Web Host \$65.94; 100 Canvas Bags \$598; Student Coordinator costs \$83.10; Germany dinner for Reinhard's \$74.72; Finland Library Display \$102.40; 100 Senegal flag pins \$129; one motion by Tamara second by Ross Passed without objection. 50 Red Blankets \$854.60 Max and Japan Dinner \$100 max; one motion by Angie second by Ross Passed without objection. A motion by Tamara second by Ross to have a \$400 fixed stipend this year for the 5 students going to Armenia, Finland, and Germany; after a long discussion it Passed without objection. Student Insurance for this summer \$600 Max. Motion by Marcia second Elisia Passed without objection. Armenia planed an additional stipend for Armenia Host families of \$100 max per week; Marcia made a motion second by Nova that the general fund pay the amount; after discussion 7 yes and 3 no's Passed.

3) Committee Reports:

a. Armenia - No Report; Jade Roman student going to Armenia was introduced.

b. China (Cathy Wei) – No Report,

c. Finland (Tamara Silver) – Two students from Finland will be in Pasadena from Sunday, June 16 until Tuesday, July 9. The students are, Aarne Myllynen (boy) and Jenna Hyvonen (girl). Aarne says he likes a lot of sports but especially swimming and diving. He enjoys building and fixing motorcycles, hanging out with his friends and his favorite foods are lasagna and sushi. Jenna was born in China and adopted by her Finnish parents when she was a baby. Her favorite subject is science and she is very interested in meteorology and astronomy. Activities she enjoys are playing her guitar and singing, taking long walks in the city, hiking in the forest, and doing yoga. Jenna is a vegetarian. **Host Families needed.**

d. Germany (Ross McConnell) – Final flight arrival/departure information was received for, Kyra Krall. Kyra will be in Pasadena from July 4 – August 15. Housing request letters have been sent to people who participated in housing German students in the past two years. Awaiting response and will follow up within the next month to determine housing the next month. Kyra will intern at City Hall in Eric Dyshart's office. Thanks to Michael Warner for arranging that. We are awaiting information from Germany regarding housing for our two outgoing students Sabrina Minjares and Isabelle Haik. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Reinhard visited Pasadena during Easter weekend. Stephan is the chair of the Ludwigshafen Sister Cities program and has been most gracious to us in recent visits. Michael Warner organized a group dinner. The Reinhard's joined the Easter church service and celebration on Easter morning. It was great to see them. Janine and Birgit Leiss are visiting Pasadena for the month of May, staying with the McConnell's and Diane Harder at different times during the month. We are hoping to have a group dinner with them and Bianca Hornig, her parents and her husband Markus on or about May 26. Bianca and Markus arrive in Pasadena on May 25 for a lengthy stay. It's wonderful to see old friends return for visits. Both Janine and Bianca were students/interns from Germany several years ago and have returned many times. **Host Families needed.**

e. Japan (Bryan Takeda) – 30 July, 10 teens, 1 college student and 2 chaperones are expected to arrive in Pasadena for the Friendship 2019 summer youth exchange program till 6 August. One university student will arrive on August 2 and will be in Pasadena for 2 weeks, departing on August 22. One week schedule is as follows:

- Tues, July 30 – Arrival, lunch in Santa Monica and Welcome Dinner in Pasadena
- Wed, July 31 – UCLA, Hollywood and Highland and Griffith Observatory
- Thurs, Aug 1 – Battleship USS Iowa
- Fri, Aug 2 – Dodgers vs San Diego Padres
- Sat, Aug 3 – California Science Center, Japanese American National Museum and **PSCC BBQ**
- Sun, Aug 4 – Universal Studios
- Mon, Aug 5 – Rose Bowl, Pasadena Civic Center and Farewell Dinner with host families
- Tues, Aug 6 – Return to Mishima

Recruitment has begun for Pasadena area participants including host families. **Host Families needed.** If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Bryan Takeda at affinity2000@earthlink.net or (626) 396-9927. Misa Okada a 29 year old pharmacist is visiting Pasadena during the month of May, is the daughter of Mishima City Councilwoman, Mikiko Okada, who welcomed the Pasadena delegation in Mishima in 2016 and visited Pasadena with Mayor Toyooka in 2017 to celebrate the 60-year anniversary of the Pasadena-Mishima Sister City. During her stay, Misa is studying English at the Poly Languages Institute. She will be starting her career as a pharmacist upon her return in June. So far, Misa has kept very busy between classes, visiting many places including Pasadena City Hall, the Central Library, Norton Simon Museum, shopping in Old Town, Salvation Mountain (Imperial Valley), Hollywood, Japan House, Melrose, Beverly Hills, the Japanese American National Museum, the Rose Bowl Flea Market and Warner Bros. Studios. This weekend she will be visiting the Huntington, the Gamble House and Disneyland with plans to visit Griffith Observatory, Santa Monica, Venice, UCLA and see a Dodger game before she returns home on May 29th. With the help of a friend, she was also able to visit a local pharmacy near Huntington Memorial Hospital.

A dinner in honor of Miss Okada was scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm. at the Panda Inn in Pasadena, located at 3488 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107.

f. Africa (Senegal) (Boualem Bouseloub) – No Report, Senegal Delegation arrives 13 June 11:30 am LAX
Departure 22 June 9:30 am. Every day is planned.

g. Ad Hoc Committee Sri Lanka (Senani Abey) – No Report. 20 July is the annual Sri Lanka Day at Pasadena City Hall.

h. Student Coordinator (Maggie Gihanian) – No Report.

4) SoCal / SCI: Pasadena had 9 members attend the Regional Meeting in Santa Monica on 4 May 2019. SCI Annual Conference is scheduled for 17 to 19 July 2019 in Houston, TX.

5) Old business:

- 30 April 19 we cleaned out the Central Library Display cases.
- Voted for this year's Annual Meeting to be 19 December for election. Motion by Michael second by Angie Passed without objection. Suggestions was an installation dinner party in January 2020. Please help plan a party.
- Summer BBQ set for 3 August 2019 at the Elshout's home.
- Pasadena City College Languages Division held the "2019 International Fair." On the PCC Quad, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, May 9 (Thursday). Thank You to all the PSCC members that showed up to display our materials and cultures.

6) New Business: None

Next PSCC Meeting: 20 June 2019 – Same location 984 East Locust Street; Pasadena

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
By Michael Warner for Olivia Bueno, Secretary