

PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting of June 20, 2019

Notice NO MEETING in July and 3 August BBQ will be the August Meeting!

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Alcantar in the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 984 E. Locust Street; Pasadena at 6:15pm

Members Present: Fred Alcantar Jr, Carla Boykin, Taliba Carr, Ofelia Cavazos-Edmondson, Hannah Gray, Isabelle Haik, Nova Hindoyan, Taleen Hindoyan, Bianca Hoernig, Helen Kouyoumdjian, Ross Mc Connell, Maureen Mc Connell, Sabrina Minjares, Marcia Montez, Silva Ohanian, Joan Reyes, Rosalinda Schiess, Tamara Silver, Bryan Takeda, Laura Terry, Michael Warner, (22). **Guests:** Eugene Haik, Cielo Bussell, Nelida Fernandez, Nori Fernandez. (4) 2 - students from Järvenpää, Finland: Jenna Hyuonen & Aarne Myllynen.

1) Minutes: 16 May 2019 approval motion by Marcia second by Joan; passed without decent.

2) Treasurer's report: Motion to spend \$2000 for the Senegal Delegation's final dinner 21 June. By Laura second Marcia; passed without decent.

3) Committee Reports:

a. Armenia (Taleen Hindoyan) - Armenia Subcommittee has met once in the last month at our regular meeting, second Monday of each month. If there is anyone who'd like to join the subcommittee, we are actively recruiting new members. We have discussed details about accommodations, potential visits and activities for our exchange student, Jade Roman. We have several families who are willing to host. We are also planning to review new projects that we may be able to bring to fruition by the end of the summer. We hope that with the start of the new academic year, we will be able to make presentations at school, who may be interested in future service projects.

b. China (Cathy Wei) – No Report, Thank You to all the PSCC members that showed up to display our materials and cultures for PCC's International Day May 9 (Thursday).

c. Finland (Tamara Silver) – Two students from Finland arrived in Pasadena Sunday, June 16 and will stay until Tuesday, July 9. The students are, Aarne Myllynen (boy) and Jenna Hyvonen (girl). They gave a brief power point on their families and Järvenpää. 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. The students were hosted for dinner at Mijares after the meeting.

d. Germany (Maureen McConnell) – We are awaiting information from Germany regarding housing for our two outgoing students Sabrina Minjares and Isabelle Haik. Still working on Pasadena housing arrangements for Kyra Krall and **need families who are interested in housing her.** Final flight arrival/departure information was received for, Kyra Krall. Kyra will be in Pasadena from July 4 – August 15. . Kyra will intern at City Hall in Eric Dyshart's office. We had a small group dinner with Janine & Birgit Leiss and Bianca and her family... husband Markus and her parents Ludwig and Ingeborg Hoernig during their stay in the U. S. All have now returned to Germany with the exception of Bianca, who will be here for six months.

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 until 6 August. One university student Asuka Ashie, will arrive on August 2 and will be in Pasadena for 3 weeks, departing on August 22. The first week's 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

Recruiting for Pasadena area host families. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Bryan Takeda at affinity2000@earthlink.net or (626) 396-9927.

Miss Misa Okada visited Pasadena, returning home on May 29th

Thank you to everyone who attended the dinner in her honor that was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Panda Inn in Pasadena. Miss Okada is very thankful for your hospitality. She has returned to Mishima and has begun her career as a pharmacist at a neighboring city pharmacy. She continues to study English and looks forward to meeting everyone again in the future.

Pasadena – Mishima Exhibition of Women Artists. I was recently contacted by the City of Mishima to see if I can facilitate an art exchange between Pasadena and Mishima in 2020. Earlier this year, a small group led by Mr. Minoru Ohira (sculptor) and Mrs. Echiko Ohira conducted a pre-exhibition in Mishima with the assistance of Ms. Yoko Tamura, representative of the Mishima Art Association and the owner of her own gallery in Mishima. Both Mr. Ohira and Ms. Tamura had participated in exchanges many years ago with Pasadena. I believe Mr. Bruce Hisayasu had been involved with the activities. They have asked me to connect with Ms. Jane Chafin here in Pasadena to work on developing an exhibition to be held in Mishima in the fall of 2020. We are very early in the process and will be connecting with Ms. Chafin and Mr. Ohira to begin planning.

f. Senegal (Boualem Bouseloub) – Carla Boykin gave an update since Boualem is involved with the eight member Senegal Delegation that arrived 13 June 2019 and will depart 22 June. A sister city agreement was signed 17 June, Monday evening, at the City Council meeting. A City Hall reception was held on the 18th of June in the City Hall courtyard. A final dinner was held on 21 June at the Jackie Robinson Recreation Center. There were a number of activities planned by the Senegal Subcommittee that were well attended by our members and guests.

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

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

4) SoCal / SCI: SCI Annual Conference 17 to 19 July 2019 in Houston, Texas.

5) Old business:

- Summer BBQ set for 3 August 2019 at the Elshout's home. A flyer will be sent to everyone in the next week.
- Voted for this year's Annual Meeting to be the 19 of December for board elections. Motion by Michael second by Angie passed without objection.
- A suggestion was made to have an installation dinner party in January 2020. Laura Terry will head the planning subcommittee. Please contact Laura to help plan the party.

6) New Business: None

Next PSCC Meeting: 19 September 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