

2020 PSCC MEETING MINUTES - February 20, 2020

PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

President: Michael Warner calls Meeting to Order at 6:10pm / Location: 984 E. Locust, Pasadena.
President inquires about January 16, 2020 Minutes, President had cancelled January 16 Meeting and Re-Schedule it for Sunday January 12 for Holiday Party. NO JANUARY 12 MINUTES TAKEN, as it was a Holiday Party.

Membership: Will list only Adult Dues Paying Voting Members. (Students do not vote)

ATTENDANCE TODAY: (19) Dues Paying Members eligible to vote: Quorum (20%) Michael Warner, Marcia Montez, Angie Gomez: Bob Aronoff, Boualem Bouseloub, Carla Boykin, Elisia Farmer, Maggie Gihanian, Nova & Taleen Hindoyan, Marguerite Hougasian, Helen Kouyoumdjian, Maureen & Ross McConnell, Phil Montez, Joan Reyes, Laura Terry, Isabelle Warner, Tommye Martin.

Guests: (4) Students Avery Redfearn, Alexia Dowell, Chyon Lynn & their moms & Alexander Chu.
(2) Ms. Sabrina Minijares and Ms. Agnes Akabogu

End of January Report Membership: (52) Adult Renewals & (2) Brand New Members:

New Members: Mr. HOVSES SARKISSIAN (Pd Jan) & Mrs. LINDA STELLERN (Pd Jan)
Per Bylaws Brand New Members must wait 60 days (Record of Date) before entitlement to vote.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary Angie Gomez

Minutes December 19, 2019 Motion to Approve by ROSS /Second by JOAN, approved by Members as written
Minutes January 12 of Installation of Officers were very brief no business meeting, to be posted to our website.
Minutes January 16, 2020 No Meeting Minutes, In-Lieu Holiday Party Installation of Officers Sunday January 12.

Treasurer: Fred Alcantar - ABSENT: NO REPORT, other than M. Warner states check \$1,030 sent to Sister Cities International for our Annual Dues, it was mailed by Fred. Mike and Fred will be filing all of our 2019 Tax Returns to the (4) government agencies soon to be in compliance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - 3 minutes each

Armenia 1991: Taleen Hindoyan - Written Report turned in and verbally presented. The "Kindergarten 8 building project" which is in the stage of MOU Development. We have a heating project for Kindergarten #32. Kindergarten #4 is waiting for 1 more bid proposals including one from an agency we have worked with several years ago, when we worked on bathroom construction projects in two kindergartens. We have been sending students to Armenia for 2 years back to back now with raving reviews. The subcommittee and other PSCC Members supported the local St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church Ladies Guild at their Christmas Event.

Germany 1948: Olivia Bueno-ABSENT: Sent Written Report and Vice Chair Maureen provided verbal updates. Two Exchange Students have been selected from Ludwigshafen to come to Pasadena. Isabell Maria Schmidt 23 years old, AND Gregor Lauth is 18 years old. Our committee will be establishing internship opportunities for them while they spend time here in Pasadena.

Senegal 2019: Boualem Bouseloub: No Written Report presented verbal report: Delegation trip with Mayor Tornek to travel to Dakar-Plateau March 10-19 and there are approximately 14 persons traveling. FLYER was sent out weeks ago and reported approx. Trip cost of \$3,999. All questions would need to be sent to E-Mail PSCCAfrica@gmail.com as flyer indicated.

Japan 1957: Johnny Kamon - ABSENT: No written report. likely no activity in Mishima.

Finland 1983: No Chair - Vice Chair Tamara Silver ABSENT: No written report. Likely no activity in Jarvenpaa.

China 1999: Ofelia Edmondson ABSENT No written report. Likely no activity.

Student Exchange Coordinator: Chair Isabelle Warner received (5) Student Exchange Applications only (4) Students were present at this meeting. She gave a time-line of what is to occur with the Student Exchange program.
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-Continue Student Exchange Coordinator: Interviewing sometime late March, Student Parent Orientation sometime in April, and Month of May need to have secure home stays and flight dates in order to figure out Insurance cost and Stipends.

SoCal Chapter SCI : Saturday -March 28, 2020 Quarterly Meetings Will NOT be in Paso Robles, looking for new location check their website www.socalsistercities.org

Sister Cities International (SCI): Umbrella Organization Annual Elections SCI Conference Wed. July 8-10, 2020 in Santa Fe New Mexico. SCI Leadership Meeting piggy backs with (NLC) National League of Cities Mayors Conference will this fall November 2020 will be in Tampa Florida. www.sistercities.org

Old Business: Holiday Party AKA Installation of Officers 2019/2020 Winter Lights Dinner held January 12, 2020. Chair Laura Terry reported 55 to 56 persons attended. She thanked all that helped and described the lovely decorations some were purchased by the Budget of \$150 and others were donated. The Levey Brookside Restaurant charged PSCC total of \$2,363.77 (includes Taxes and Set Up fee and 21% Service Charge). To cover the cost Per Plate Buffet of \$28 and all the extras taxes etc; PSCC had to charge the attendees three different prices. Member Price \$30 prepaid, Non-Member \$35, and at the door \$40. Treasurer to report on Income vs Expenses.

By-Laws Ad-Hoc Committee Chair Angie Gomez states that there have been two meetings, process going slow will concentrate on only a few changes not mass changes. Committee of (8), Laura, Elisia, Taleen, Fred, Ross, Joan, Angie and our President M. Warner. We will present to the entire membership when we (8) come to a consensus.

New Business: Library Display President M. Warner reports that Fred has secure the display cases at the Central Library for the month of April. There will be NO Reimbursement for any art work materials needed.

Ad-Hoc Co-Chairs for 2021 Holiday Party AKA Officer Installation Dinner: President selected Nova Hindoyan & Marguerite Hougasian as they volunteer to Co-Chair the event for January 2021.

Announcements: Next Meeting Thursday March 19, 2020

ACTION ITEMS VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING: NONE.

Adjourned: 7:10pm February 20, 2020
Respectfully submitted
Angie Gomez, 2020 PSCC Secretary