

PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Zoom Meeting of May 20, 2021

The Zoom meeting was called to order by President Michael Warner 6:02 p.m.

Membership: We have 48 members on our roster. The two guests were introduced.

Attendees: Members - Michael Warner, Fred Alcantar, Boualem Bouseloub, Carla Boykin, Elisia Farmer, Maggie Gihanian, Isabel Warner, Taleen Hindoyan, Angie Gomez, Johnny Kamon, Lena Kennedy, Mary Knox, Helen Koumadian, Bryan Takeda, Laura Terry, and Cathy Wei. (16) Guest – Phyllis Chestang, and Bob Neimack (2)

1) Minutes: Approval of the 15 April 2021 minutes: Fred Alcantar, moved and Boualem Bouseloub seconded. Motion passed.

2) Treasurer's report: Emailed. Expenditures - Elisia Farmer moved to pay \$975 to Senegal Subcommittee for speaker series. Mary Knox, seconded. Motion passed. Boualem Bouseloub moved to have a PSCC P.O. Box Maggie Gihanian, seconded. After much discussion 9 yes, 1 No, 1 Abstaining. Elisia Farmer will search and report back. Elisia Farmer introduced the idea of changing financial intuitions she will search and report back. Carla Boykin, moved to pay \$150 to So Cal Fred Alcantar, seconded. Motion passed.

3) Moved to Committee Reports:

- China, Germany, and Finland: no reports
- Senegal: see attachment 1
- Armenia: see attachment 2
- Japan: see attachments 3 and 4
- Hospitality: see attachment 5
- Student Coordinator - No Report
- **SoCal**
 - La Canada Sister Cities shared about cheese and wine tasting, raising about \$4000 and increased their membership, an example for adaptation during COVID.
 - Santa Clarita had a virtual youth art event.
 - Youth Leadership Summit was condensed and streamed again. Japan presented a dance highlighting inclusivity.
 - So Cal Sister Cities link: <https://socalstercities.org/>.

SCI Youth Virtual Summit accepting applications are still being accepted until June 18th.

4) Old Business

- Stamps from Mishima (\$20 per sheet) have arrived.
 - Handout Date: 29 May 984 E. Locust St
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- August 14th PSCC BBQ 12 to 4 pm – Setup 11:00 am.

5) New Business

- July Meeting is planned to be canceled.

Announcements: Zoom Meetings: **Next PSCC Meeting: 17 Jun 2021.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Taleen Hindoyan, for Tammy Silver, Pasadena Sister Cities Secretary

Attachments:

Attachment 1

210520 Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Subcommittee

Activity Report for May 2021 meeting

The monthly meeting for May was held on Thursday the 13th via Zoom.

The meeting had two items:

1. Dr. Ayesha Randall reported that her girl scout group are working on their preparation for a relation with a counterpart in Dakar Plateau.
2. The Dakar Plateau Subcommittee is launching a 6-month membership campaign. Lena Kennedy and Catalina Combs are preparing a flyer for the campaign.

Respectfully,

Boualem Bousseloub, Chair
Senegal Subcommittee

Attachment 2

Armenian Report 20210520

10:35 AM (1 hour ago)

MARGARET GIHANIAN

Through Angie Gomez' contact of the Armenian Embassy, we were referred to Angelika who has an art studio in Vanadzor, Armenia. Angelika hosted Marshall high School student, Jade R. As SCI posted an opportunity for the youth to compete in multiple categories including Art, I sent the attached to Angelika who acted upon it the very last day. SCI informed me that 5 students have participated. The results will be revealed in August.

We received addresses and phone numbers of the displaced families in Vanadzor who received bedding, and we will be sending them canned food and nutrition with the funds donated by Armen Aroyan (\$1,000) and Berj Babikian (\$100).

From: isablmag@aol.com

Date: February 16, 2021 at 5:33:56 PM PST

To: angelika.jaghinyan.75@mail.ru

Subject: Fwd: Youth Artists and Authors Showcase 2021 is live!

Reply-To: "isablmag@aol.com" <isablmag@aol.com>

Barev Angelika:

This is **Maggie Gihanian**, I'm the new **Chair for the Pasadena Sister Cities Armenia Subcommittee**. When I was volunteering as Student Exchange Program Coordinator, **Angie Gomez** (who had volunteered for multiple positions as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) had recommended you as host family for our student, Jade Romano who was extremely happy with your warm hospitality and her experience at your studio.

Dear Angelika, there is a great opportunity to showcase your students and your school in participating in the attached **Youth Artists program originated by Sister Cities International**. Your exposure will be worldwide. Children of Armenia will be recognized throughout the world.

The deadline is May 1st, 2021; forms and conditions (**age of student 13-18**) are enclosed, along with \$\$ for 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize winner. You can submit work of art, music, poetry, or photography, any of these categories that you feel the student strength is. **The focus is projecting a unified, peaceful world through art and literature. Please submit maximum of 5 artwork, poetry, music or photography that have the strongest possibility of winning a prize.**

All information should be submitted online. I hope you can participate as I see a great potential in winning at least one of the above listed categories.

Thanks for your dedication towards your students and best of luck to you all.

Sincerely,

**Maggie Gihanian
Pasadena Sister Cities
Armenia Subcommittee Chair**

Japan Subcommittee Report

May 20, 2021

1. California-Japan Sister Cities Network Spring Workshop

See Bryan Takeda's attached report

2. Mishima 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paraolympics Commemorative Stamps

See Bryan Takeda's attached report

3. Virtual Koto Performance and Youth Exchange with Kita High School, Mishima, Japan

See Bryan Takeda's attached report

4. Saturday group meeting (May 22, 2021):

Fred Alcantar, Bryan Takeda, Michael Warner and Johnny Kamon met across from City Hall at the Sister Cities memorial plaques. Discussed the different Sister City monuments/plaques displayed around the city (across from City Hall, Civic Center, Kidspace), potential use of the City Hall area for the August picnic, and effective outreach ideas to strengthen and increase PSCC membership and community involvement. Involving the school administration and teachers may be a potential way to create positive interest in the PSCC program with the younger adults, students and their parents.

5. New member interest:

I was contacted by Bob Niemack, a life-long Pasadena resident and recently retired filmmaker who studied in Japan and even visited Mishima in the '60's. His father, Carl Niemack, was an active PSCC member (visiting Ludwickshafen) during the 1980's. He also participated in the California-Japan Sister Cities Spring Workshop. I sent him the membership form, Mishima stamp details and encouraged him to join as a member.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Kamon

Japan Subcommittee Report

May 120 2021

1. California-Japan Sister Cities Network Spring Workshop

Sponsored by the Consul General of Japan in San Francisco Maeda Toru, The Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles Muto, Akira and the California-Japan Sister Cities Network, CJSCN presented the virtual Spring Workshop on Friday, May 14, 2021 from 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Theme: “Citizen Diplomacy through Technology and Innovation”

Workshop program:

- Welcome remarks from Consuls General of Japan and CJSCN
- Message from California State Senate President Pro Tempore Toni Atkins
- “How to Create Virtual Sister City Projects” by San Diego-Yokohama Sister City Society
- Breakout room discussions about best practices and common challenges

There were more than 200 registrations and about 130 who actually attended the workshop. The presentation by the San Diego Yokohama Sister City Society was inspiring with collaborations between San Diego and Yokohama schools. Their student led program was especially noteworthy.

2. Mishima 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paraolympics Commemorative Stamps

The stamps have been delivered and a distribution date and time to be determined. Payments will be collected at the time of distribution. The payment for the cost of the stamps and shipping was made via bank transfer to Mishima.

3. Virtual Koto Performance and Youth Exchange with Kita High School, Mishima, Japan

The award winning Kita High School Koto Club is scheduled for Saturday, 12, 2021. The exact time is to be determined but will be early evening. Koto teachers from La Crescenta, New York and Oregon have been contacted and were encouraged to have their students attend. Pasadena Sister Cities Committee members, their families and their friends are encouraged to attend. Since the program will be presented over a standard Zoom account, attendance will be limited to 100 people. Following the performance, a separate Zoom session will be held for students from Mishima and Pasadena to meet and get to know each other. Please let us know of any Pasadena area students who would like to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Takeda

Hospitality Report



May 29, 2021

Summer Bar B. Q. – Picnic – Tentative Date Saturday, August 14, 2021

I. Venue(s)

- A. Brookside Park, Pasadena Area C
- B. Victory Park, Pasadena Picnic Area
 - 1. June 1st open for new reservations for City of Pasadena
- C. Charles Farnworth Park, Altadena Westeria Pavilion Tentative Reservation
 - 1. 50 plus people
 - 2. August 14, 2021
 - 3. 11:00 am—4:00 pm
 - 4. Cost: Rental Staffing \$59.31

<u>Rental Small Picnic Area \$75</u>	
Total Cost	\$134.31

II. Food

- A. PSCC \$300
- B. Sub-Committees Food Donations

III. Picnic Committees:

- A. Greeters/ Registration
- B. Host/ Hostess
 - 1. Stations: BBQ, Water, food, Desserts, Music, Games
- C. Set-up/ Clean-up

End of Year Banquet/Installation Event (only 4-5 months to plan)

- I. Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022
- II. Who: Armenia (Maggie Gihanian) Sub-Committee Hosting
- III. Location: TBA

Hospitality Team:

Laura Terry, Chair	Finland
Ofelia Cavazos-Edmonson	China
Johnny Kamon	Japan
Marggie Gihanian	Armenia
Helen Kouyoumdjian	Armenia
Mary Knox	Senegal

