



# PASADENA SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE



GERMANY	JAPAN	FINLAND	ARMENIA	CHINA	SENEGAL
1948	1957	1983	1991	1999	2019

## PSCC Membership Meeting 9/16/21

**Meeting was call to order at 6:12pm.**

**Please note:** PO Box address: Pasadena Sister Cities, PO Box 747, Pasadena CA 91102.

**Attendees:** Michael Warner, Boualem Bouseloub, Mary Etta Knox, Nova Hindoyan, Laura Terry, Elisia Ligons Farmer, Lena Kennedy, Tommye Martin, Phyllis Chestang, Maggie Gihanian, Johnny Kamon, Taleen Hindoyan, Carla Boykin, Bob Niemack, Cathy Wei, Joan Reyes, Ara Sarafian, Isabel Warner, Helen Kouyoumdjian, Bryan Takeda, and Ivie Lewis

**Guests:** Mean Zuiberveen, Amelia Ruedaflores, Isa O, Paula Herano, Nicholas Hirano, Karina Fischman, and Jacquelyn Tang, Hanson Tat and Nathan Ong. Best, Cathy, Ellen Harju (Finlandia Los Angeles)

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes for of June 17, 2021 Motion Bryan Takeda, 2d Johnny Kamon, approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Emailed to PSCC Board. Expenditures to Michael Warner \$130.28 funeral Flowers for Mr. Hindoyan; motion Johnny Kamon, 2d Elisia Farmer, approved. Advertise in Chamber Magazine ¼ page \$250, motion Laura Terry, 2d Tommye Martin, one vote of no. Motion approved.

### Subcommittee Reports:

**Armenia:** In August, we received a second \$1,000 from a benefactor. member, Armen Aroyan requesting sending nutrition and clothing to displaced families in Vanadzor. We’re pleased to announce that finally we’re scheduled a meeting for Monday, September 21 at 5 p.m. at Victory Park on Altadena drive and Paloma in Pasadena. We tried Tournament Park In Pasadena, but unfortunately it was not open to the public. We have a lot to catch up and address and looking forward to meeting Our members in person.

**Japan:** Bryan introduced the Pasadena Young Ambassadors and presentations were lead by Mean Zuiberveen.

The following students introduced themselves: Mean Zuiberveen, Amelia Ruedaflores, Isa O, Paula Herano, Nicholas Hirano, Karina Fischman, and Jacquelyn Tang.

They students presented what they’ve been working on over the last few weeks. The projects were brainstormed on Jamboard. They have ideas for different meetings and outings. The program “padlet” can be used to pinpoint locations and share videos of our city. A video of “A Day in the life” was presented by Jacquelin. Isa shared about an interview they did at the Comic Factory about Pasadena life and Japanese culture. Amelia shared the new website of “Pasadena Young Ambassadors”. It is linked on our sister cities page.

There may be a need to change the name of the group, because there is Pasadena City Young Ambassadors program already.

**China:** No report

**Finland:** No report

**Germany:** On the 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> July Michael & Karin Warner were in Ludwigshafen. Michael met with Marcel Jurkat from City Hall on 2 July and 3 July with several members of the Freundeskris group including two students that hope to visit Pasadena in 2022.

On the 31st July there was a Zoom meeting with Ludwigshafen. Due to some technical problems only 3 three people were able to access. On the 4th September there was another Zoom meeting with Ludwigshafen, 6 from Ludwigshafen and 3 from Pasadena were there.

On the 5th November there is another Zoom meeting with Ludwigshafen planned.

Ludwigshafen hopes to have a group visit Pasadena in 2023 for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Senegal:** Committee monthly meeting for September June was not held.

The time was entirely devoted to a Speaker Series' presentation by Dr. Ayesha K. Randall, entitled "*Getting the Best Academic Bang for your Buck: Leveraging your Resources within the California Community College Promise Program Pathway through an African American Lens.*"

Dr. Randall discussed strategies for optimizing the benefits of the California College Promise program providing free tuition and other services to students toward college affordability, access and completion.

The presentation was well received par the attendees among which three PCC Trustees including its President Belinda Brown and our own colleague Tamara Silver.

**Student Exchange:** I sent emails to students (who'd been interviewed prior to pandemic) to join in the Zoom meeting with Germany. I heard from only two who said they have other commitments but are still interested in our student exchange program.

Attended a Townhall meeting In PASADENA and met 3 school principals. I presented our student exchange program and asked them to promote our program and the vast opportunities for their students. Gave them a copy of the application and our website.

Attended police national day out at Villa Park with Angie Gomez who had worked at the police department. Recruited few young students, gave them our website & application.

Met with principal of Pasadena City College with Angie Gomez. Presented our program/ our website to download applications, and encourage the youth to participate.

**Old Business:**

- Next Year 2022 Holiday Party – Hospitality: no report

**New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** The chair is Tamara Silver. Members are Joan Reyes and Tommye Martin

Think about running for the Board of PSCC.

**SoCal SCI:** OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on zoom

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted, by Taleen Hindoyan, on behalf of Tamara Silver  
Corrected 21 October 2021