

Pasadena Sister Cities

Minutes of Meeting of October 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Michael Warner

Attendees: Michael Warner, Boualem Bousseloub, Tamara Silver, Joan Reyes, Cathy Wei, Ofelia Edmonson, Bryan Takeda, Phyllis Chestang, Elisia Farmer, Gary Moody, Tommye Martin, Maggie Gihanian, Isabelle Warner, Carla Boykin

Guests in attendance: Ellen Harju, Fernando del Rio

Minutes: corrections to minutes of September 16 meeting, Angie and Tammy were not in attendance. Bryan Takeda and Ivy Lewis were in attendance and correct spelling on Ellen Harju's name, add Taleen Hindoyan as submitted by. Ofelia moved to approve, Boualem seconded.

Treasurer's report: has been emailed. Need to make corrections to funds in Senegal and Armenia discretionary money need to be corrected.

China: nothing to report

Senegal: nothing to report

Armenia: The boxes of goods we shipped to Armenia were received. They will have a competition with the Armenian Academy at Blair High School. Students will submit writing and art.

Finland: nothing to report

Germany: We have students that want to travel to Germany.

Japan: Students Young Ambassadors (gathered after the Koto performance) 6 from Mishima and 6 from Pasadena did about an hour and a half virtual exchange. They shared what they presented at the Sister Cities meeting in September. They also had a free-form discussion with each other. They hope to do this again. Our Pasadena students have been meeting every week. They are doing business interviews. They interviewed the owner of Bellefontaine Nursery, the oldest continually-owned Japanese business in Pasadena. Students would like to go to Japan as soon as they are able.

Student Coordinator: Maggie visited the new EF boarding school.

SCI So-Cal: Discussed youth programs.

Party on January 9, 2022 at Raffi's - possibly. Maggie and Helen are coordinating. Would like to have indoor with vaccinated attendees. Mayor Gordo might come and swear in the new officers. Sundays are cheaper.

Nominating Committee: Tammy will include a list of open offices. Gary Moody moved that we accept an additional one-year extension of allowable terms served for the persons on the Board of Directors. Joan Reyes seconded. Motion passed.

Current open positions

Finland chair

Finland vice-chair

Next meeting is November 18, 2021.

6:46pm Gary Moody moved to adjourn the meeting. Tammy Silver seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Silver

Secretary, Pasadena Sister Cities