



MINUTES OF MEETING

PASADENA SISTER CITIES

VIRTUAL MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Present: Taleen Hindoyan, Carla Boykins, Michael Warner, Lena Louise Kennedy, Fred Alcanta, Maggie Cathy Wei, Maureen McConnell, Boualem Bouseloub, Maryetta Knox, Joan Reyes, Laura Terry, Nova Hindoyan, Tommie Martin

Absent: Tamara Silver; Elisia Farmer

At 6:04 p.m. President Michael Warner called the meeting to order noting that proper notice of absence from Tammy Silver and Elisia Farmer were given. A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

President Mike Warner read the minutes from the meeting of November 18, 2021, which had been provided to the Members in advance of the meeting.

***MOTION** duly made by Joan Reyes, seconded, and carried by Boualem Bouseloub; the Committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.*

OFFICERS REPORT:

- PRESIDENT'S – no official report
- TREASURER'S – no report
- SECRETARY REPORT – absent, no report

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **DAKAR Senegal:** BOUALEM BOUSSELOUB reported on the success of the monthly Speaker Series and mentioned the 2029 Tournament of Roses Parade Float and the Dakar Sub-Committee having a float in the parade. No details were provided at this time.
- **GERMANY:** MAUREEN MCCONNELL reported that the committee had a zoom meeting November 19, 2021, and a half-dozen members were in attendance. The Sister Cities in Germany want to send the same students to the US who attended last year. Those students from Germany were Gregor Love and Isabel [*last name was not given*]. The students want to visit in August or October of 2022 – they received three sets of dates; however, the visit date will depend on their university schedule.
- Germany is doing a Sister Cities presentation for their town, and they would like to have any Pasadena Sister Cities Germany Sub-Committee pictures from the early days to share. If anyone have photos from the early days, please send those pictures to Maureen.
- **ARMENIA:** MAGGIE GIHANIAN gave No official report. However, she shared with us that Helen had an accident, and she is still in pain. [*positive thoughts for her*] Mike emailed Maggie a draft letter for a young man [*no name was provided*] who requested a letter-of-recommendation.



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- **CHINA:** Cathy WEI did not have an official report. However, Kathy did mention a concern regarding the needs evaluate the status of China Sister City. For the past 3 to 4 years, there has been no progress or activity with CHINA as a Sister City. This Sub-Committee must be evaluated and determine if this is a result of the pandemic or are they still interested in this Sister City partnership with Pasadena. An official letter should be sent to them to find out their position in continuing the relationship with Pasadena Sister Cities. Mike will discuss this issue with the President-Elect Taleen Hindoyan. They will evaluate the situation and make a recommendation the first of the year. Again, we need clarification to determine if the pandemic is the problem.
- **FINLAND** – not present – no report
- **JAPAN** – Bryan Takeda and Johnny Kamon not present – no report – however, President Mike reminded everyone to consider supporting this sub-committee's fundraiser by purchasing the Tournament of Roses Program Books.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **HOSPITALITY:** Laura Terry requested \$130 to \$150 for decoration of the Installation Dinner.
MOTION duly made by Laura Terry, seconded, and carried by Fred Alcantar, the Committee unanimously approved the request to spend between \$130 to \$150 to purchase fresh flowers for table decorations, for the Installation Dinner.
- **INSTALLATION DINNER:** Maggie Gihanian discussed the menu and will work on getting special entrées for members who have dietary restrictions: vegetarian, etc.
- **STUDENT EXCHANGE:** Chair Isabel Warner said they are working on this project
- **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL:** Carla Boykin, did not have a report. She will reach-out to see what is happening and give a report at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **ELECTION RESULTS:** Joan Reyes reported the follow statistics:
Twenty-three [23] ballots received
Two [2] ballots were not filled out correctly and were not included in the count
Twenty-one [21] ballots were counted
The slate of officers as presented by the committee was approved. No questions were asked.
President Mike complimented the committee for their hard work.
- **ROSE PARADE TICKETS:**
President Michael Warner offered 2- tickets to each Boardmembers, Sub-Committee member and appointed Chairs.



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OPEN DISCUSSION:

President Michael Warner and President-Elect Taleen Hindoyan along with Tamara will be meeting to prepare Goals for the next two-years for Pasadena Sister Cities.

President Warner opened the floor to have a brief discussion on the topic of having a Tournament of Roses Float in the 2029 Parade. President Warner stated that he, President-Elect Taleen Hindoyan, and Officer Tamara will establish a Tournament of Roses Float ADHOC committee to evaluate the fundraising strategy, theme, and then assess whether the Pasadena Sister Cities will engage in this effort. Dakar-Senegal Subcommittee Chair Boualem interjected that we should wait for his sub-committee to meet before establishing an official PSCC ADHOC committee. Lena gave the origin of how this project was initiated.

Announcements. Nova Hindoyan on behalf of the Hindoyan and Gary family, she expressed a heartfelt Thank you the Pasadena Sister Cities for their expression of Condolences, love, support, and flowers upon the passing of her husband.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lena Louise Kennedy
Acting Secretary, in Tamara Silver's Absence

*FYI ONLY - Additional information not part of the minutes.

1. **January:** We will not have a regular Pasadena Sister Cities Meeting January 20, 2022, because of the Installation Dinner 9 January 2022.

2. **2022 BOARD of DIRECTORS**

President Taleen Hindoyan
Vice President Michael Warner
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Japan – Mishima - Chairperson Johnny Kamon and Vice Chairperson Bryan Takeda
Finland – Järvenpää - Chairperson Ofelia Cavazos-Edmondson and Vice Chairperson Nova Hindoyan
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China – Xicheng - Chairperson Cathy Wei and Vice Chairperson Laura Terry
Senegal – Dakar-Plateau – Chairperson Boualem Bouseloub and Vice Chairperson Gary Moody

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Student Exchange Coordinator Isabelle Warner
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