The regular monthly meeting of the Pasadena Sister Cities was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:10 p.m. the meeting was called to order via Zoom. President Taleen Hindoyan being in the chair and Secretary Lena Louise Kennedy being present.

1. **Welcome**

President Taleen welcomed members and guests to the monthly general meeting.

1. **Agenda**

President Taleen presented the agenda.

1. **Presentation of Reports**

* **Treasurer Report**: Elisia Farmer
* **Income:**
  + $195.25 from the Mishima Committee sales for their program. Which will go to the discretionary fund.
  + $1,110 in membership
  + $1,400 for dinner sales
  + $400 donations to support Installation dinner from Lena Louise Kennedy, Tommye Martin, and Taleen Hindoyan
* **Expenses:**
  + Total catering bill was $2,800; Committee Members paid $1,230, $1,170 was the total expense incurred by PSCC for the dinner.
  + $1,500 check was issued to Carla for her registration and lodging for the SCI conference.
* **NOTE:** The Treasurer stated that PSCC check requests must include a summary or make detailed notes on your check request. For auditing purposes, more detail information is required as we move forward.
  + **Membership Committee**: Michael Warner, Vice President
* Johnny Kumon paid dues,
* One board member has not paid their dues for 2023.
* Member on this zoom mtg and boardmembers are current.
* We have fifty-six (56) paid members.
* We have five (5) paid student members.
* Total members sixty-one (61) members.
  + **Subcommittees Monthly Reports**: Subcommittee reports must be submitted to the Secretary a week before each monthly meeting. Oral reports given at the monthly meeting should not exceed 3 minutes.
* **Germany,** Olivia Bueno was absent – no report.
* **Japan**, Bryan Takeda – no report
* **Finland,** Shomari Maynard was absent – No report.
* **Armenia,** Nova Hindoyan**:** The Subcommittee met on February 9 at the Hindoyan’s residents. The subcommittee reviewed past events and projects, Brainstorm for current year and discussed: Education, Cultural Exchanges, fundraising efforts and Community Involvement. They will begin recruiting efforts will begin to revitalize their subcommittee and bring more projects to fruitions A request for past donors’ list, past exchange student information and other archived material has been made from the PSCC executive board. The subcommittee’s banner was updated and unveiled at the meeting. The Vanadzor city coat of arms was incorporated into the PSCC Armenia existing banner.

The committee looks forward to working with the new mayor of Vanadzor, Mr. Arkady Peleshyan and his deputy Lilya Davtyan, who had recently prepared and sent Christmas and New Year Greetings, expressing the best wishes of their community, through the SCI international platform.

Dates for upcoming subcommittee meetings are as follows: Mondays- March 6, April 10, May 10, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 9, November 6, December 11

* **China,** Laura Terry, VC was present; no report. However, Cathy presented a report regarding March 28 PCC International Cultural Affair PSCC is Co-Sponsorship. All subcommittee are encouraged to attend. Student Exchange Coordinator is encouraged to attend the PCC event. PCC International Center will provide coffee and tea for the PSCC committee to offer to the guests who visit our tables. DATE/LOCATION: March 28 11a.m. to 2:00p.m. Please wear traditional clothing.
* **Senegal,** Gary Moody was in attendance – no report. However, President Taleen expressed her gratitude for a lovely dinner at the Tournament of Roses. She encouraged everyone to have an open heart and mind and learn from our experiences.
* **President Taleen** encouraged Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Subcommittee to make corrections to the website and she will provide bullet points on areas that needed to be corrected. For example: Carla Boykin is a Boardmember of SC Sister Cities and change Dakar to Dakar-Plateau-Senegal.
* **President’s Report:** President Taleen Hindoyan requested that subcommittees submit a report prior to the general meeting.
* President Taleen received a call from South Korea [not sure of the city] delegation who had visited Pasadena in October and met with Mayor Gordo. A zoom meeting has been set-up for each to present a slide presentation from their city and our city.
* President Taleen is requesting the above format for Taiwan and France.
* President Taleen has appointed Leslie Caldwell to manage the Exploratory Committee for the City in France.
* If anyone is interested in working on the South Korea city that would be great.
* We want to move these friendship cities forward.
* President Taleen has appointed Nat to set up a zoom exchange with Thailand and once these three cities have been contacted, the President will take these three cities to Mayor Gordo for discussions and to move these Friendship relationships forwards.
* We will review our processes and procedures for our Friendship Cities. All Friendship Cities are exploratory and Friendships only have to be approved by the Mayor not the entire City Council.
  + **Standing Committees:**
    - **Student Exchange** – Isabella Warner will start the student interviews.
    - **SCI,** and SoCal: Africa Summit – In Carla Boykin’s absent, President Taleen provided an update and overview of the conference and our participation., Carla Boykin had left for the conference. The following individuals will be attending the conference: Finland Chair Shamari Maynard, SCI Boardmember Carla Boykin, President Taleen Hindoyan and Armenia Subcommittee Chair Nova Hindoyan; two college students: Elise Tervalon and Makia Talbert, as well as a Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Subcommittee member Marcia Talbert and one of her friends.
* The following individuals were submitted to the SCI International Conference in these categories: Boualem Bousseloub was submitted as an Elder and John J. Kennedy was submitted as an Ancestor.

1. **Announcements**

* Dakar-Plateau, Senegal Subcommittee Chair Gary Moody announced the following: We will be participating in the Black History Parade on February 18. In addition, we will have 100 men walking in Honor of Councilmember John J. Kennedy. On February 25 we will be hosting our Inaugural John J. Kennedy Speaker Series Dinner at the Tournament of Roses House and Dr. Rita Roberts will be our speaker. Senegal’s monthly meeting dates are on Thursdays March 9, May 11, July 17 and September 13 and November 9. Our next Speaker Series date is Thursday, April 13, the Speaker will be Michele Bagneris. All these dates are listed on the website: [www.dakarpasadena.com](http://www.dakarpasadena.com)

1. **Discussion:**
   * + - * Michael Warner suggested that we pay for the President’s Airfare and Lodging to attend the SCI conference that is taking place South Africa this month February 2023. We members recommended that we vote on the amount at next month’s meeting.
         * Treasurer Elisia Farmer requested that everyone submit a detail form when requesting reimbursements or check requests.
2. **Motions: No Motions**

1. **Members Present:** *(16 people were in attendance*) Leslie Caldwell, Taliba Carr, Elisia Farmer, Maggie Gihanian, Angie Gomez, Nova Hindoyan, Taleen Hindoyan, Yin Yin Huang, Lena Louise Kennedy, Tommye Martin, Maureen McConnell, Gary Moody, Nat Nahdar, Laura Terry, Isabella Warner, and Michael Warner

**Voting Privilege**: Everyone in attendance had voting rights and we had a quorum.

**Excused boardmembers**: Carla Boykin

**Absent members**: Bob Aronoff, Olivia Bueno, Johnny Kamon, Shomari Maynard, Bryan Takeda

1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.
2. **tendance:**

Lena Louise Kennedy, Secretary