



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Bakersfield City Hall North**  
**May 7, 2019**

**Minutes**

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**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER: (6:00 pm) John Hefner**

**QUORUM ROLL CALL** (12 elected members are currently needed for a quorum.)

\*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.

**PRESENT:**

NAME	Y	N	NAME	Y	N
Goh	x		Pryor	x	
Alanis	x		Schlaerth	x	
Besenfelder	x		Singh	x	
Cha	x		Sproul	x	
Choi	x		Stone	x	
Dillon	x		Tamsi	x	
He	x		Vac	x	
Hefner	x		Verdugo	x	
Hernandez	x		*Luttrell	x	
Hungerford	x		*Park, E	x	
Jhaj	x		*Park* Y	x	
Kooner	x		*Skaer	x	
Martin	x		*Umer	x	
McCormick	x				

Members: Mona Sidhu, Mark Smith

Guests: None

**II. SECRETARY'S REPORTS**

A. Minutes: Martin

Motion to approve: Pryor, Hernandez - all approved.

B. Correspondence: Hefner

None

**III. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

McCormick – see report for detail.

Motion to approve with amended total for April 2, 2019: Pryor/Choi - all approved.

April 2, 2019 balance changed to \$33,293 - spreadsheet formula error.

Motion to budget \$500 for the Sister City Gallery: McCormick/Pryor - all approved.

**IV. MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Goh

None

**V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Hefner

A. Salute to the Bakersfield Youth Symphony Orchestra (BYSO) visit to Wakayama.

Stone posted on Facebook the photos taken on the visit by Verdugo.

Congratulations to the Jhals on their win in the Mac & Cheese competition.

Kooner presented a plaque to Stone honoring her contributions to Amritsar.

Mayor Goh did a great job at the Sikh honor luncheon.

B. Happy Birthday to Verdugo and Schlaerth.

**VI. DISCUSSION**

A. Sister City Garden Festival will be held on Saturday November 16, 2019.

Councilmember Gonzales will lead the committee with the first meeting on June 11, 5:30 pm at Café Smitten. The new committees will be setup by task. All those that want to be involved, come to the meeting.

B. SoCal youth scholarship to conference in Houston is still open as no one applied. Ages eligible are 14 - 18. Cami Yokohama will be attending the conference.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Amritsar: Kooner

Plans have been made to serve meals once week on Sundays until next spring. The 34-day-spring feedings has been going on for four years and has served 57,000 meals.

B. Bucheon: Cha

None

C. Queretaro: Alanis

They have a new mayor so there will be no trip at this time.

D. Cixi: Pryor

A CSUB Dean visited Cixi. Hefner connected him with Edgar and Toby, who acted as guides for his visit.

E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo

It was a great trip thanks to Stone, Hefner and Hernandez, who welcomed them home. Thank you to Verdugo and Murray, who were chaperones. Also, thank you to Pryor for all her work spearheading the trip. The kids were great and had the best performance ever. The host families were very good.

The summer BYSO concert is June 8.

There will be 26 Wakayama youth visiting from August 7 – 12. Require anyone who has not hosted before to have a background check. Possible trip to Wakayama next year but the Olympics may cause prices to increase.

F. Other:

St. Jean de Luz: Hefner

There will be ten junior high and two high school kids participating in the first youth exchange. Also, Goh, Gonzales, Hefner, Hoover and Verdugo will be part of the delegation. The trip will be from June 19 – 27.

**VIII. OTHER ITEMS**

A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford

On the website, there has been a wide variety of viewers from around the world.

B. SoCal: Stone

Meeting in Santa Monica. Still pushing the conference as there is an all-day mayors' summit on China.

C. Youth Advisory: Sproul

Seven students committed for the Bucheon trip; might be up to nine students.  
Thanks to Sproul for volunteering as a chaperone and dedication to the youth program.

D. Publicity/Fundraising: Alanis

None

**IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Choi: The International Day of Peace "Ring the Bells for Peace" event will be held at Central Park on Saturday September 21. Requesting to use the BSCPC 501@3 for the event as the City requires it for an open-to-the-public event. Also would like the board to participate.

Motion to approve: McCormick/ Stone – all approved.

McCormick: Request a list of past gift items to Sister Cities. The Mayor would like to have a comprehensive list so items are not duplicated. Send individual Sister City list. Retiring on May 13 but will be a volunteer for the Mayor.

Hefner: Ali Douglas will be visiting Jordan in June. He will be asked to attend the September meeting.

Sproul: Need a gift for the Bucheon mayor. Hefner will assist with the selection.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

A. Next Meeting – Tuesday June 4, 2019

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Pryor/Sproul – all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Martin  
Secretary to Board

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