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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Hall North

April 4, 2023

6:00 pm

In-person & Zoom Meeting

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WELCOME: Mayor Goh

Election of the Executive Committee Election: Mayor Goh called the meeting together at 6:00 10 pm.

A. Slate of board positions:

Nominations for five incumbents running for re-election for a one-year term:

1. President: Regina Pryor

2. 1st Vice President: Terry McCormick

3. 2nd Vice President: Evan Sproul

4. Secretary: Bethany Fleisher

5. Treasurer: Esther Schlaerth

There being no nominations from the floor, Stone moved to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers. Kooner seconded. All were elected by unanimous consent.

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President

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

\*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.)

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PRESENT: Members Mona Sidhu, Greg Hernandez, Vickie Murray, Carole Martin, Amy Lum & Jim Yamakawa

II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS

A. Minutes: Fleisher: McCormick moved & del Toro seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion passed.

B. Correspondence: Pryor--none

III. TREASURER’S REPORTS: Schlaerth: The treasurer’s report included income and expenses for the General Fund. Income totaling $13,118.64, included a $10,000 donation from the estate of David L. Urner, memberships income from the Annual dinner and raffle. Expenses included payments for website, insurance, and dinner at Heart of India. Balance in GF = $31,223.93 Balance in treasury = $54,195.00.

Cha moved to accept the treasurer’s report. McCormick seconded. Motion passed

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Goh thanked all who organized and participated in the visit by the Wakayama Children’s Choir (March 28-31), including the celebratory dinner at Benj’s Basque restaturant, the Concert at Centennial HS, and the delightful visit to the Mayor’s Office & City Hall.

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pryor

A. April Birthdays: Park 4/24

B. Amazing Visit with the Wakayama Children’s Choir. Thank you Stone, Verdugo and the

Wakayama Committee

C. Annual Meeting was wonderful: Almost 60 people attended the dinner at Heart of India. The food was delicious & the video tribute to Luttrell, Skaer, & Urner was very nice. McCormick noted that we made more on the raffle than usual, as we only sold blocks of tickets for $5.00—no single tickets.

D. Pryor received a letter from Mary Cisneros, who was looking for host families for a group of French students who will be here from April 25-May 2. She will add it to the April newsletter.

which will feature Cixi. The June newsletter will feature Querétaro

1. Pryor also received a call from Arvin City Council member Juan Murillo, asking for advice on how to set up a Sister City program. She sent him the SCI toolkit, which is very complicated. Stone noted that we have a protocol for setting up a Sister City relationship. She will send it to Pryor to forward to Juan.

VI. Discussion

A. Next Night out with Sister City in June: It was decided to hold the next Night Out with Sister City on Wednesday, June 21 at Wiki’s Wine Dive & Grill. Details will be in the April newsletter.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Amritsar: Kooner:
   1. The dates in November for the visit to Amritsar have not been set. It was recommended that all of the group travel together AFTER the November 11 Veteran’s Day Parade.
   2. Kooner also invited all to attend the Sikh Parade and festival on Sunday, April 23 at the corner of Stine Road and Hoskins.
2. Bucheon:
   1. Cha reported on plans for the Bucheon-Wakayama Trip, departing from LAX on May 2 at 11 pm. Six nights total in Korea, then fly to Kansai and stay 5 nights in Wakayama. More details at the meeting for the delegation to follow. There are 15 traveling to Bucheon (plus, E.J. & Young Park who already be in Korea.), and a total of 13 going to Wakayama.
   2. In addition, he reported that a group consisting of the Bucheon Committee, members of the Korean-American community, and the Korean War Veterans Association of Kern County are planning a special celebration in recognition of the 70th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice on July 27th. More details to follow. To raise money for this event they are planning a golf tournament for Sunday, April 29. (NOTE: The date has since been changed.)

C. Queretaro: Ramos/Tamsi—Not present. No report.

D. Cixi: Pryor: Received an email from contact in Cixi, saying that the Mayor of Cixi would like to contact Mayor Goh.

E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo:

1. Stone reported on the Wakayama Children’s Choir visit (see attached schedule). All in all, it was a very successful visit and a wonderful start to having in-person exchanges once again.
2. Details about plans for the Wakayama visit will be discussed at the meeting for participants. The highlight of the visit will be participation in the 401st Wakamatsuri.

F. Other:

Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Andrews-none

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford-none

B. SoCal: Stone-Waiting to hear what the date of the May Annual Meeting will be. Stone has informed the SoCal Board that she will not be running for re-election, now that her second 3-year term is ending.

C. Youth Advisory: Sproul is actively recruiting students to participate in the 20th Bucheon International Homestay Program ( July 27-August 2). Bucheon has invited 10 students (ages 13-17/18) and 2 adults. He has 2 students who are probably going to go, and 3 others who have expressed interest. Stone will put together a flyer that can be sent out with the invitation letter and application. The flyer will also be posted on Facebook. Stone will send to the recent host families—some expressed an interest in the program. Pryor will send to BYSO members, the City Council Youth Commissioners, and Patrick Burzlaff to share with the Centennial Choir members.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vickie Murray invited all to attend their 40th Anniversary Party on Saturday, April 15th at 4:00 pm Dress casually and BYOB. Location: The Murray’s home (see print invitation.)

X. NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting May 2 (Discussion): Because of the trip to Bucheon & Wakayama, McCormick moved that there be no May board meeting. Kooner seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6’

XI. ADJOURNMENT: McCormick moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 pm. Sproul seconded. Motion passed.

WAKAYAMA CHILDREN’S CHOIR VISIT: MARCH 28-31, 2013

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: ASSEMBLY AREA FOR ALL DAYS: parking lot behind Regal Edward’s Cinema: corner of Camino Media & Scarlet Oak Drive

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| DAY | TIME | ACTIVITY/LOCATION | TRANSPORT |
| 3/28 | 5:00 pm | Arrival & Welcome/ ASSEMBLY AREA  Students go home with hosts. | Host families  Committee members |
|  | 6:30 pm | Welcome dinner for adults/Wiki’s Wine Dive & Grill | Committee members |
| 3/29 | 8:00 am | Assemble for day’s activities/ASSEMBLY AREA | Host families & committee members |
|  | 9:00 am | School visit & performance/ Tevis Junior High School | Chartered bus & committee vehicles |
|  | 11:00 am | Visit Murray Family Farms | “ |
|  | 12:00-1:30 pm | Lunch/Picnic in the Orchard provided by Murray Family Farms | “ |
|  | 2:00 pm | Tour of Bakersfield College/ Drop off/Pick up point: roundabout in front of the Welcome Center (Haley & Panorama entrance) Parking: Parking Lot P16 near the baseball stadium | “ |
|  | 4:00 pm | Return to ASSEMBLY AREA for host families to pick up students/  Students go home with host families | Chartered bus  host families |
|  | 6:30 pm | Celebration Dinner for BSCPC members/Benji’s French Basque Restaurant, 4001 Rosedale Hwy. | Committee members |
| 3/30 | 8:00 am | Assemble for day’s activities/ ASSEMBLY AREA | Host families  Committee members |
|  | 8:30 am | Mr. Numamaru & 9 students to testing center for Covid test: ARCpoint Labs, 7737 Meany Ave b9, 93308  Remainder of group drive to downtown Bakersfield, ending at City Hall. | 10 passenger bus & Stone car/ will rejoin group when possible  15 passenger bus & committee members |
|  | 9:00 am | Visit City Hall & meet with Mayor Goh/ 1501 Truxtun Avenue | Chartered bus |
|  | 9:45 am | Visit Sister City Gardens/525 18th Street | “ |
|  | 10:30 am | Tour of KGET News studio/ 2120 L St. 93301 | “ |
|  | Noon-2:30 | Lunch & Fun: John’s Incredible Pizza, 3709 Rosedale Hwy. | “ |
|  | 2:30-3:30 | PHOTO OP: Bakersfield Sign & Crystal Palace | “ |
|  | 4:00 pm | Rehearsal for evening concert/Centennial High School  8601 Hageman, 93308 | “ |
|  | 5:00 pm  6:00 pm | Dinner/ Centennial HS  Final on-stage rehearsal | None |
|  | 7:00 pm | Concert/ Centennial High School | None |
|  | 8:30 pm | Students go home with host families. | Host families |
| 3/31 | 8:00 am | Assemble for Farewells & Departure/ASSEMBLY AREA | Host families/Committee members  Wakayama’s tour bus |