



**BAKERSFIELD SISTER CITY
PROJECT CORPORATION**

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Hall North

June 6, 2023

6:00 pm

In-person & Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

WELCOME:

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President: 6:05pm

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

*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.)

NAME	Y	N	NAME	Y	N
Goh		X	McCormick	X	
Andrews		X	Park	X	
Besenfelder	X		Pryor	X	
Cha	X		Ramos	Z	
Choi	Z		Schlaerth	Z	
delToro-Diaz		X	Singh	X	
Dillon	X		Sproul		X
Fleisher	X		Stone	X	
He	X		Tamsi	Z	
Hernandez	Z		Verdugo		X
Hungerford	Z		*Park E		X
Jhaj		X	*Park Y	X	
Kooner		X			

Members Present: Suzanne & Annika Green

II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Fleisher Motion: Besenfelder Second: Fleisher. Motion passed.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor: Letter from Consulate General for South Korea in Los Angeles.

III. TREASURER’S REPORTS: Schlaerth: reports for May and June. Motion: Stone Second: McCormick. Motion passed.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Goh: not present.

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pryor

- A. BIRTHDAYS: Verdugo 5/20, Schlaerth 5/20, Pryor 7/3, He 7/11, Hernandez 7/11, Dillon 8/8, Tamsi 8/17
- B. Wonderful trip to Bucheon and Wakayama. The delegation had a great time and are looking forward to a reunion.
- C. April/May newsletter was very late. June newsletter will feature Cixi and Queretaro
- D. Articles in the Californian and Bakersfield Life Magazine

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Next Night out with Sister City on June 21 at 6:00 PM at Wiki's. Separate checks.
 - B. Publicity brochure: Sue, Regina, Terry.
 - C. More ways to get our name out there: Second Saturday, Hispanic Chamber events, BakAnime, Bakersfield Comic Con, Farmer's Markets, etc.
- McCormick: Motion to allocate \$1,000 to a new Publicity budget from the General Fund. Second: He. Motion passed.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner: May 27 event with 100,000 people in attendance, images on social media from Heart of India. Former mayor will be visiting in mid-June.
- B. Bucheon: Cha: July 27-August 3 youth delegation trip.
Stone: Motion to pay \$50 per student to cover their participation fee from Scholarship Fund. Second: Cha. Motion passed.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos/Tamsi: Able to get in contact with a professor at the local university to help facilitate reestablishing the relationship with Queretaro. Queretaro recently held a Cinco de Mayo festival, as Queretaro is one of the areas where Cinco de Mayo first occurred. Local schools went out and held a parade. Locally, participated in the Menudo festival on Memorial Day Weekend.
- D. Cixi: Pryor. Senior Vice Mayor will be part of a 6 person delegation planning on attending to help promote tourism and educational exchange. Dates to be announced.
Stone: Motion to take \$600 from General Fund to move to Cixi fund. Second: McCormick. Motion passed.
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo: Wakayama visit went well, although it did rain too hard to hold the 501st Wakamatsuri. Home visits were a big highlight of the trip. Planning to bring student group to Wakayama in June of 2024.
- F. Other:
Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Andrews: Planning Youth Symphony exchange trip sometime in either 2024 or 2025.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford: no new updates.
- B. SoCal: Stone: information sent out regarding the CA Youth Leadership Summit and Young Artists Expo. Young Artists Expo is being displayed in Santa Monica. Presentations by city of Burbank and Long Beach. Electing new board members for Sister City International.
Stone: motion to have McCormick conduct our proxy vote for this board election. Second: Besenfelder. Motion passed.
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul: none.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

70th Anniversary of Korean Armistice Ceremony July 27 at 10am.

June 30 meeting to start collecting Korean War memorabilia, and continuing to collect names and memorabilia on July 10 and 20. Contact Terry McCormick.

Mike Sabol, former president Korean War Veterans Memorial. wife's funeral is June 13.

Suzanne Green has connections to Togo, Africa for potentially initiating a Sister City relationship.

Bakersfield Youth Symphony Concert: Saturday June 10, 4pm @ Stockdale High School.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting September 5 at 6:00 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Fleisher Second: He. Motion passed, meeting adjourned 7:03pm.