



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
City Hall North
September 5, 2023
6:00 pm
In-person & Zoom Meeting
MINUTES

WELCOME:

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.)

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

Guest Present: Vince Zaragoza

II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Fleisher Motion: Stone Second: Sproul. Motion passed.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor. No correspondence.

III. TREASURER’S REPORTS: Schlaerth. Reports for June and September. Motion: Stone. Second: Fleisher. Motion Passed.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Goh

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pryor

- A. SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Matab Singh 9/4
- B. Executive Board met last week to plan for year.
- C. Newsletter this year to feature Sister City Committees
- D. Spoke at PEO about Sister City
- E. Good attendance at Night out With Sister City in June
- F. 70th Anniversary of End of Korean War events were well attended
- G. Wonderful Performance at Disney Hall hosted by the LA Korean Consulate

H. How was your summer?

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Rotarians Initiative for Peace Pole at Sister City Gardens. Zaragoza presented proposal to partner with Bakersfield Rotary to erect a Peace Pole at the Sister City Gardens, with goal of completion on October 20. Motion: Stone. Second: Fleisher. Motion Passed.
- B. Peace Day September 21
- C. Holiday Party
- D. Downtown Christmas Parade
- E. Sister City Festival ideas (maybe program to feature all Sister Cities)
- F. Sister City publicity tri-fold

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner: Amritsar currently preoccupied with elections. Proposed timeline for future visit to November 2024 to coincide with Diwali.
- B. Bucheon: Cha: June 4 gold tournament fundraiser and July 27 Korean War Armistice Anniversary event were both very successful. July 27 - August 3 Bakersfield students visited Bucheon, also a huge success. Bucheon representatives would like Bakersfield Sister City to invite them to visit during some kind of special event. Efforts are being made to reinstate the Bucheon University – CSUB exchange, which was interrupted during Covid.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos/Tamsi: No updates.
- D. Cixi: Pryor: Cixi delegation visit this week, for a one day tour of Bakersfield. Dinner at Hungry Hunter at 6pm on September 7.
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo: Dr. Iwahashi has received an award for social contributions for the prefecture of Wakayama. Planning Bakersfield student trip to Wakayama in June 2024, with Wakayama students to travel to Bakersfield in August 2024.
- F. Other:
Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Andrews: Member Pierre Igoa visited with the mayor of Saint-Jean-de-Luz and delivered a letter on behalf of Bakersfield Sister City. Proposal to have a Bakersfield student delegation visit March 24 -30. Motion: Stone. Second: Verdugo. Motion passed.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford: Not Present.
- B. SoCal: Stone: Sent email report regarding SoCal meeting. Of interest was 2025 US/Japan Sister City Summit, planned to take place in Japan.
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul: Successful Bakersfield student homestay trip over the summer. Proposal to have Korean students visit around MLK weekend of 2025.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting October 3, 2023. McCormick will be covering for Pryor.
FUTURE MEETINGS: 11/7, 12/5 (Holiday Party), 1/2, 2/6, 3/5 (Annual Dinner), 4/2, 5/7, 6/4

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Schlaerth. Second: McCormick. Motion passed.