



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**City Hall North**  
**May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm**  
**In-person & Zoom Meeting**  
**Minutes**

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**WELCOME:**

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President 6:06 PM

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

Guests: Sidhu and Zaragoza

**II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS**

- A. Minutes: Motion: Stone. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sproul. Motion passed.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor. None.

**III. TREASURER’S REPORTS:** Schlaerth. Not present.

**IV. MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Goh. Not present.

**V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Pryor

- A. May Birthdays: Esther Schlaerth & Debra Verdugo 5/20
- B. Newsletter to feature each sister city Committee – May will be Queretaro Committee
- C. A group from Sister City attended the Tibetan Cultural Pageant, Wed. 4/3 at CSUB
- D. Asian America and Pacific Islander Heritage month cultural exhibition at The Park at River Walk on May 11, 10am-1pm.

## **VI. DISCUSSION**

- A. Peace Pole Update – Tomas. Work proceeding, next steps are to acid wash and clear coat.
- B. Peace Pole Dedication 9/21 Committee Choi, Stone, Pryor, Verdugo, Kooner & McCormick. Meeting on May 29.
- B. Sister City Publicity Report – Sue & Terry. Please proofread.
- C. John Hefner Fund Committee – McCormick, Verdugo & Pryor. Meeting May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Night out with Sister City on June 13 at Shoyu Sushi 2 on Calloway at 6:00 PM.

## **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Amritsar: Kooner - Elections ending June 4<sup>th</sup>. Still planning for Diwali trip.
- B. Bucheon: Park - . July 25-27 visitors from Bucheon coming to Korean War Armistice event (to be held on 27<sup>th</sup>). Sister City dinner on Jul 26<sup>th</sup>. October – planning visit to International Comic Festival.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos. Latino Food Festival May 26<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. Currently recruiting members for the Queretaro committee.
- D. Cixi: Pryor. None.
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo. Student group to Japan has met 3 times so far. Wakayama had 63 students apply to visit Bakersfield, will be limited to 30. Need host families to volunteer. Motion to transfer funds from the Hefner fund to transfer to the Wakayama fund \$50 per student going to Wakayama. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kooner. Motion passed.
- F. Other:
  - Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Pryor. May 26 Basque Festival.

## **VIII. OTHER ITEMS**

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford – No Report
- B. SoCal: Stone. June 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Leadership Summit online. 5-7pm. Art contest online now, 3 Bakersfield students participated.
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul. None.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Give Big Kern currently going on.

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

- A. June 4 at 6:00 PM. Motion: Stone made a motion to only meet in person, no more zoom will be offered. Kooner: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.
- B. FUTURE MEETINGS – September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- 7:16 PM. Motion: McCormick. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sproul. Motion passed.