



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
City Hall North
September 3, 2024
6:00 pm
AGENDA

WELCOME:

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President 6:01pm.

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

Members: Mona Sidhu, Mrs. Sidhu, Greg Hernandez, Ralph McKnight, Bheden Sandhu, Tim Chang

II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Fleisher. Motion: Choi. 2nd: Kooner. Motion passed.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor read a letter from Wakayama and another letter from Bucheon.

III. TREASURER’S REPORTS: Schlaerth. Motion: Fleisher. 2nd: Cha. Motion passed.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Goh. Met with Assemblywoman from Punjab and Jenny from Saint Jean de Luz.

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pryor

- A. SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Matab Singh 9/4
- B. Newsletter will continue again this year
- C. Very Busy Summer with Sister City Activities. Student group visited Wakayama, group from Wakayama visited Bakersfield, along with group from Bucheon who also visited Bakersfield.
- D. Good Attendance at Night out with Sister City in June
- E. Wonderful Visit for 30th Anniversary of Wakayama Youth Exchange
- F. Short visit from Bucheon Mayor Cho and delegation

- G. Visitors from India
- H. Many thanks to Smith Family for Hosting our guest from Saint Jean de Luz
- I. How was your summer? Everyone gave a short talk about a highlight for their summer.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. International Peace Day Ceremony on September 21. 10am-11am. Mayor Goh attending, BC choir also scheduled to perform. Mr. Kooner will provide Samosas and tea after the ceremony.
- B. Holiday Party. December 3rd at Riverlakes.
- C. Downtown Christmas Parade. December 5th – Regina will check to see if we will participate.
- D. Night Out with Sister City in October. Potential Halloween party (canceled due to amount of activities already planned in October).
- E. Sister City tri-fold ready for Peace Day Ceremony – We will have Minuteman Press print 500 brochures.
- F. New Board Member for Saint Jean de Luz. Scott Andrews has resigned from the Board. Piere Igoa was nominated to replace Scott and become the chair for Saint Jean de Luz. Motion: Stone. Second: Fleisher. Motion passed.
- G. John Hefner scholarship fund – Will check into having paypal on website for donations and payments.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner. Postponed India trip to February.
- B. Bucheon: Cha. 9 delegates from Bucheon visited this summer, thank you everyone for your help. October trip to comic festival will have 12 delegates from Bakersfield traveling to Bucheon.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos/Tamsi. September 15th: El Grito in front of Liberty Bell at 7pm. 9/12: Jim Burke Ford Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.
- D. Cixi: Pryor – No Report
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo. 13 students visited Wakayama, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hiroshima over the summer. 30 students came from Wakayama to visit Bakersfield. US-Japan Sister City Summit in Osaka on April 11-19th.
- F. Other:
 - Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Andrews. 6 students who want to go to St. Jean de Luz.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford. Not present.
- B. SoCal: Stone – report emailed.
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next meeting October 1, 2024 – Many board members will be in Bucheon. Meeting canceled.
- FUTURE MEETINGS: 11/5, 12/3 (Holiday Party), 1/7, 2/4, 3/4 (Annual Dinner), 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

XI. ADJOURNMENT 7:05pm.

- Motion: Dillon. 2nd: Choi.