



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
City Hall North
January 7, 2025
6:00 pm
MINUTES

WELCOME:

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President 6:00pm.

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

II. SECRETARY’S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Fleisher September minutes: Motion: Stone, Kooner: 2nd. Motion approved. November minutes: Motion: Stone, Ramos 2nd. Motion approved.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor. New Years cards from a few of the Sister Cities.

III. TREASURER’S REPORTS: Schlaerth Motion: Besenfelder. 2nd: Cha. Motion approved.

IV. MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Goh

V. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pryor

- A. DECEMBER BIRTHDAY: Rupinder Jhaj 12/18,
- B. JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Paul Cha & Tomas del Toro-Diaz 1/8
- C. Wonderful Sister City Holiday Party, thank you to all our board members for the great food
- D. Happy New Year photos were emailed to our Sister Cities by our Chairs
- E. Sachiko Hernandez letter of resignation as of Nov 17th.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Annual Meeting set for February 18 at Hodel's: Harvest Room at 6 pm. \$30 per person for members. Entertainment provided by Kern River Brass.
- B. Silent Auction baskets to raise money for John Hefner fund, 6 raffle baskets, one for each Sister City.
- C. Discussion for new Member-at Large to replace Sachiko Hernandez. Tony Hargrove nominated. Motion: Stone. 2nd: Verdugo.
- D. City of Bakersfield could be second International City of Peace in Rotary District 5240 along with the City of Ojai.
- E. Pay membership for Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Motion: Kooner. 2nd: Besenfelder. Motion approved.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner. Feb 27-March 10 trip to Amritsar. Meeting to discuss details Feb 4.
- B. Bucheon: Cha. Homestay planned for July/August. 8 students, 1 chaperone. Possible online language exchange for adults in the future.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos. New Mayor in Queretaro, Felipe Fernando Macias Olvera, plan to restart international initiatives.
- D. Cixi: Pryor. No news.
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo. Wakayama students visiting in August. U.S-Japan Sister City summit in Osaka, September 16-19.
- F. Other:
 - Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Igoa. Reached out to Denis. Lonesome Trail exhibit at CSUB (both virtual and physical). Kern County Basque picnic on Memorial Day weekend. Plan for youth exchange in Spring Break 2025.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next Meeting 2/4 – no meeting.
- FUTURE MEETINGS: 2/18 (Annual Meeting), 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:12 pm. Motion: Fleisher. 2nd: Igoa.