



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Hall North
May 6, 2025
6:00 pm
MINUTES

WELCOME:

I. Call to order at 6:02 PM

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
DeToro-Diaz		X	Schlaerth		X
Dillon	X		Singh	X	
Fleisher	X		Sproul	X	
Hargrove	X		Stone	X	
He	X		Tamsi		X
Hungerford		X	Verdugo	X	
Jhaj	X		*Hernandez		X
Kooner	X		*Park E		X
McCormick	X		*Park Y		X

Greg DeWitt, Mona Sidhu & mom, Vince Zaragoza

II. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Fleisher. Motion: Stone. 2nd: Sproul. Motion passed.
- B. Correspondence: Pryor None.

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS: Schlaerth/Besenfelder – No Report

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Goh - None

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pryor

- A. MAY BIRTHDAYS: Debra Verdugo & Esther Schlaerth 5/20
- B. Wonderful Student trip to Saint-Jean-de-Luz in April
- C. Talking Friends with Bucheon continues with cooking class
- D. Next newsletter will cover April-May

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. Money from John Hefner fund to cover Saint-Jean-de-Luz students \$50 fee. Motion: Stone. 2nd: Verdugo. Motion passed. – Total of \$650 for 13 students
- B. YAAS – Stone/Sproul and committee update. No update currently.
- C. Night out with Sister City will be on June 5 at 6:00 PM at Maui Pho
- D. International Peace Day on Sunday, September 21, 2025 – Committee will meet
- E. Greg DeWitt: potential skateboarding exchange with Wakayama in the future

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Amritsar: Kooner. Expressed concern due to recent attack on Pakistan; Amritsar is very close to the border.
- B. Bucheon: Cha. Second Talking Friends meeting was a success, next is scheduled for June 18th at 6 pm. July 22-30 scheduled youth ambassador trip to Bucheon. Looking for 8 students.
- C. Queretaro: Ramos. Talking to Queretaro, potential connection in June.
- D. Cixi: Pryor. None.
- E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo. 5 host families found so far for summer exchange. Planning trip to Wakayama for the Summit September 11-19.
- F. Other:
 - Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Igoa. Plan to invite Mayor in November for possible signing.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

- A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford. Not present.
- B. SoCal: Stone - None
- C. Youth Advisory: Sproul - None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give Big Kern: Good opportunity to support non-profits.
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: Menudo Festival May 25th.
Kern County Basque Club festival May 25th.

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. Next Meeting 6/3
- FUTURE MEETINGS: No meetings in July or August

XI. ADJOURNMENT - 6:50 PM. Motion: Cha. 2nd: Kooner. Motion passed.