

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

February 3, 2015

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Present: Dean Ekberg, Sharon Garofanello, Pedro Gomez-Pupo, Tom Greiner, Sue Isgrigg, Peggy Lull, Elaine Morel, Millie Poventud, Marina Sweany, Tonya Thompson, Alicia Ward, Bob Wason.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President, Peggy Lull.

Order of business: The order of business was reviewed and accepted without change.

Minutes of previous meeting: The Board Members approved minutes of the January 2015 meetings with wording changes by Dean Ekberg, Tonya Thompson, and Alicia Ward.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports.

I have received the annual disbursement from the branch-Wilbur Fund for International Student support. A completed AO application with accompanying application fee was also received. I will bring the application packet to Tuesday's meeting so it can get into the right hands.

Host Families: Karen Grover & Debra Allwell

Andy Dutcher sent me a file from a young man in Krakow, Poland who wants to have a student exchange with ATAD. I need to know who our ATAD contact is for Krakow (in Rochester). Andy has been acting as a liaison between Krakow and Rochester since his attempts at contacting Leah Stormo were unsuccessful.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

We extended the deadline for AO applications to January 31. We received one AO application, from Tonya's daughter.

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

Big news from State. Last year CSIET stopped doing the big audit. This duty was taken over by State. They have released the new policy. Small programs like ours, with under twenty students, will not currently require a management review. That means we won't have to spend money on an audit. What ATAD wants to do this year and in the future should be discussed and even voted on at a board meeting.

The Board decided as a group to self-police in case there is a reversal of this decision by the State Department. The Board asked Pedro, and he agreed, to function as our "internal auditor." Pedro's responsibilities will include collecting the documents needed from the Program Chair binders and making a formal report to the Board in June. Program chairs will need to submit complete binders to Pedro by the end of March in order for him to report to the board at our June meeting.

José from Peru was activated after his arrival on January 29. As my assistant, Sharon registered our new student in the system.

Sue spoke to Andy Dutcher who mentioned that Leah has not responded to his request. He suggested 3 weeks ago that he be the acting Chair for one year. He needs to have online training.

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We need to let Sue know that someone stepped in temporarily. Peggy will send a note to Sue confirming the arrangement.

CSIET: Pedro Gomez-Pupo

No report.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

No report.

Website development: George Morgan

No report.

Social Media: Michael Lauria

No report.

Outreach: Alicia Ward

Anticipated AO applicants – the Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship candidates:

1. Zhanna Johnson, 12th grader, World of Inquiry
2. Jayshawna Israel, 10th grader, World of Inquiry

Interested host families:

1. Mora & David Metzger, owners of Jet X Courier & Deliver
2. Kim & Norman Brown, co-owners of Arnett Cafe

Activities: Sharon Garofanello

Our exchange students will be participating in Winter Break at Sue Isgrigg' Canandaigua property February 16th and 17th.

We have confirmed our March date for the International Dinner. It will be held on Sunday, March 15th from 4:30-7PM at Rustic Village's Community Center.

The Pittsford Senior Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 11a-2p. We need drivers to help drive the students from their schools to Pittsford.

We have two definite exchange students interested in the New York City Trip. Carolita and Jose are both from Peru. We are looking at the weekend of April 17th.

Programs:

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

Liz continues to be one of the best exchange students we've had in the program. No problems, either at home or in school. When I was in Würzburg in November, I saw Karl-Heinz Utschig a couple of times; we had seen one another in October as well, when he was in Rochester.

Arequipa: Tom Greiner

Jose Ignacio Lopez from Arequipa, Peru arrived on January 28, tired but happy, and was met at the airport by his host family—the Tribotte's—and me.

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Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano and Tonya Thompson

Effective in January, Tonya will relinquish the responsibilities of Iquitos Chair back to Barb.

Tonya Thompson's December Report - Carolina participated in the construction of the set for "The Sound of Music" play at school. She is also a member of the Math Olympics team at school. She had a typical holiday season with her host family. She was excited to receive many gifts. The tradition to receive gifts from Santa was different for her. During the holiday break, she did homework, watched movies, and had lots of quiet time with her host family. She watched fireworks downtown for New Year's Eve and thought it was really cool and cold.

When I spoke with host mom Kim about Carolina, it sounds like Carolina spends a lot of time alone and does not do a lot. However, when I spoke with Carolina personally, she was perfectly content and happy with her experience. Her favorite experience so far is rock climbing with her host dad. She looks forward to going to NYC with the other exchange students.

Barb's February report:

Carolina is doing fine. Arrangements were made to offer Testing modifications for midterms.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Sasha is doing well in school. Got 96 in Spanish, 90 in Math and English was 76 but she said 'I tried.' She is in Environmental Club. They are going to a Field trip where they will play winter games: skiing, skating, sledding and barbecue. She spends a lot of time with her friends.

Rennes: Millie Poventud

No report.

Krakow: Leah Stormo

No report.

Majorca: Sharon Garofanello

Maria is doing well. I have no new news to report.

I have two prospective students for next academic year. Both are girls. The first student is Ariadna Company-Jaquotot and the second is, Irene Pallin Alonso. Both look like great candidates for next year. I'm giving Karen Grover their files tomorrow.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

No report.

Bamako: Tonya Thompson

No report.

New Business

Martha will not join the Board but will provide pro-bono marketing assistance on marketing to AOs for ATAD exchanges, and getting schools interested in our program. Peggy would like to

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have a set date for the ad hoc “Marketing Team” to meet and by next fall, get the process underway. We hope to have a real concrete plan to meet the counsellors, the teachers and meet them on their own ground. Marketing team and other Board Members invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM on February 3, 2015

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Morel, Secretary