

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

May 3, 2016

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Present: Sharon Garofanello, Peggy Lull, Sue Isgrigg, Alicia Ward, Elaine Morel, Iva Doser, Barbara Pellicano, Rosalba Pisaturo, Mike Smaczniak, Dean Ekberg, Les Knox, Marina Sweany, Tom Greiner, Tonya Thompson, Bob Wason.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Sharon Garofanello.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: The Board Members approved minutes of the April 2016 meeting without changes.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

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

Currently, all IS insurance is set to terminate on 30 June. Please notify me as soon as possible about departure dates for your students, especially if any will be staying beyond the 30th.

Please submit claims for reimbursements for the current fiscal year before 30 June.

Host Families: Karen Grover, Debra Allwell & Elaine Morel

We have 9 IS applicants for the academic year 2016-17- As of May, the following foreign students are formally accepted in the school system. Damien Le Vasseur (France) at Pittsford Sutherland; Mateusz (Poland) at Geneseo High School; Milana (Russia) at the School of the Arts. No word yet from Brighton High School who has yet to sign the enrollment form for Elena Dell'Utri (Italy). Elaine is following up on the file.

We still need host families for: Viola from Germany; Renato from Iquitos, Peru; Laura Cantos Basany and Laura Navarro Gomez from Spain; Daria from Russia. Karen, Debra and I continue to meet with people who could possibly host or who may know someone interested in hosting. However, we wish for everyone on the ATAD Board to make a conscious effort to reach out to your school, your community, and looking out for families. When the school contact list was created, board members volunteered to be responsible for school districts where either they reside or have contacts with. It's not clear if these representatives are sending the short blurbs to their contacts or not. If a board member is uncomfortable emailing these blurbs or do not have the time for visits or telephone calls to the schools they are responsible for, the host family committee could assist. Perhaps a report from each board member regarding their visits and telephone calls to the schools they have contacted would give us a good idea of how much exposure our short blurbs are getting.

Peggy Lull and Elaine interviewed Deb and James ALLEN's family on Sunday, April 24 at their house in Geneseo. They have 2 children, Paul who is 16 and Claire, 12. They have agreed to host Mateusz from Poland because of Deb's mother's Polish heritage. They are very keen on having him join the family. The Geneseo High School sent a signed enrollment form to Sue who will issue the visa. The Host family paperwork is being distributed to all concerned parties.

On April 26, Debbie Allwell and Elaine interviewed Kristine FREDERICK, a potential host person for Milana from Novgorod, Russia. Kristine is single with no children but is very active in the Russian community here. She is a high school teacher in the Rochester city schools. The interview went well and the IS has been accepted at the School of the Arts for 2016-17. As Milana is Marina's

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niece, Deb Allwell will be assisting and acting as program chair for Milana. Kristine is scheduled to have a second interview with Karen and Elaine early May because of the State Department rules in the case of single persons wishing to host.

Sharon suggested we reach out to East Ridge High School and York High School school district for host families.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

All three AOs, along with parents, completed their pre-departure orientation with Peggy and Sharon on April 23.

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

No student DS2019s have been filed for September. The deadline for those forms is 08/15. It is important to get all necessary documents to Sue Isgrigg so she can file with the Department of State. All the paperwork goes directly to the students, except for Italy, Germany and France where it goes to the liaisons. Marina is taking the paperwork for Russia.

Nixon Peabody will continue to send things by FedEx.

The State Department has changed online training providers. Office of Private Sector Exchange Administration is currently in the process of transitioning from the Traincaster Local Coordinator Training Module System to a new vendor – GyrusAim, for the purposes of administering the yearly DOS Mandated Local Coordinator Training. They are currently working with the new vendor to transfer all user and sponsor accounts, and plan to complete the transition during the first week of May. More information will come from Sue Isgrigg when the new website is active.

CSIET: Pedro Gomez-Pupo

Still working on the revision of the IS binders. Will notify program chairs regarding findings of their binders' content and requirements.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

No report.

Website development: George Morgan

No report.

Social Media:

No report.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

Tonya is confirming the date with the School of the Arts for the award ceremony for Zahra as a scholarship recipient. ATAD board member needs to be present.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

Re-entry orientation for all students is June 5 at 11 am and the end of the year picnic is at 12pm.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

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During a trip to Washington, DC Alicia went to the Malian Embassy and met with Ambassador Coulibaly. They discuss priorities for the Rochester-Bamako Mali Committee projects. Support for student exchange is on the list.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

Johan Hug is working on finishing up the year. He has a wonderfully accommodating and supportive host family.

Arequipa: Tom Greiner

Marianna is doing well in school and has lots of friends. She went in April with her host family to NYC.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

There is a possible host family for Renato.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Both girls enjoyed the Senior luncheon. They are getting ready for exams. Both attend Frisbee clubs. Victoria is accepted in MCC and will be returning to Rochester.

Marina suggested Program chairs to encourage the current exchange students to use social media to spread the word for ATAD and share their experience.

Rennes: Millie Poventud

Damien has been officially accepted by Pittsford Sutherland. Host family, Damien's family and French liaison have been properly informed to begin communication between the families and the traveling arrangements to begin.

Krakow: Mike Smaczniak

Mike met Andy Dutcher and has the updated information on the liaison. Elaine and Peggy met the host family for Mateusz.

Majorca: Joanne Funk

Joanne got together with Ariadna to catch up. Ariadna is bringing a friend with her to Majorca for 6 weeks from Pittsford. She is going to spend Memorial Day weekend in Toronto.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

The mayor of Caltanissetta would like to put an exhibit about ATAD and all the Italian Exchange Students over the years and be ready for the delegation to Italy next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM on May 3, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Iva Doser, Secretary

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