

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

October 7, 2014

FINAL

Present: Pedro Gomez-Pupo, Peggy Lull, Elaine Morel, George Morgan, Rosalba Pisaturo, Millie Poventud, Marina Sweany.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM by President, Peggy Lull.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: In the absence of a quorum, the minutes of the June 2014 and September meetings will be approved at a later date.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

I will be absent from this month's meeting due to responsibilities with the Würzburg delegation.

Attached you will find standard Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual reports.

Host Families: Karen Grover & Debra Allwell

Debra interviewed a family in Fairport interested in hosting José from Arequipa. The family seems like a good fit and she is in the process of completing the paperwork. One daughter, 16 years old, is living in the house. The daughter and José share similar hobbies, religious affiliations and general interests. The family is very excited about hosting.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

No report.

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

I checked with the State Department about placing two Peruvian students in the same high school (an internal policy rule of ATAD), and this was acceptable. I sent an email to three board members who need to complete this year's online training.

CSIET: Pedro Gomez-Pupo

No report.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

No report.

Website development: George Morgan

Our website was hacked again (a bug from our former website) and was fixed promptly. George is requesting that we establish a deadline for the development of promotional material. Maya's former host parent, Martha, has marketing experience. She might be interested in joining the Board. Tom, George, Martha and Peggy to meet in the near future. Peggy suggests that Martha consults with George on the publicity for the website.

Rosalba posted in her Facebook page an article featured in the Democrat & Chronicle which described the experience of a former ATAD exchange student. She suggested that the article named "Memories of Rochester" be displayed prominently in our new website.

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Social Media: Michael Lauria

No report.

Outreach: Alicia Ward

No report.

Activities: Sharon Garofanello

Our overnight was cancelled due to a Board member whose family was ill. Instead, on Sunday, October 5, 2014 Peggy Lull, President of ATAD gave a presentation to the students on the elements of a good exchange (mandatory orientation); and Sharon Garofanello and Debbie presented to the parents.

Our next activity is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8 when the students will attend the annual ISCOR reception. They will meet the new Mayor, Lovely Warren, and meet the delegation from Wurzburg Germany celebrating their 50th anniversary. We will head over to Dinosaur BBQ afterwards for dinner.

Programs:

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Alexandra (Sasha) is pleased with her classes and enjoys the teachers. She was proud of the art project in Studio in Art, she got a 100%. She also likes her Spanish class. She is finding more of her own friends. There are some tensions with the host sister that they are trying to work out.

Rennes: Millie Poventud

No report.

Krakow: Leah Stormo

No report.

Majorca: Sharon Garofanello

I have done the post orientation with both of my girls. They are doing well and adjusting, Maria more so than Neus. The Kealy's had some concern regarding eating habits of Neus and the use of her cell and of Facebook. I have shared their concerns with the Spain liaison. Maria is doing volleyball and Neus is doing cross country. Great girls overall.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

No report. Rosalba informed the Board that next year is the 50th anniversary with Italy and its sister city.

Bamako: Tonya Thompson

I have recently been in contact with the liaison in Bamako who would like to work with ATAD on sending a student for next year. I need to know the next steps. Luckily the liaison speaks English because I do not speak French at all. I will need a board member to help translate at times.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

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No report.

Arequipa: Tom Greiner

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano and Tonya Thompson

Tonya had one-week post-arrival visit with the Whittemore family. She is replacing Barb who is absent because of illness.

New Business

ROC the day Campaign is underway.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM on October 7, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Morel, Secretary