

# ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

April 2, 2019

**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Peggy Lull, Iva Doser, Randy Peacock, Deb Allwell, Alicia Ward, Mary Jane Stark, Marina Sweeney, Guillaume Yoboue, Barb Pellicano, Les Knox, George Morgan

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at PM by President, 7:08pm Sharon Garofanello.

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

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The Board Members approved the minutes from February 2019 without change.

## **Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg**

- Attached are standard Balance Sheet and Budget vs. Actual reports.
- We have closed the UBS account and deposited the proceeds into a new savings account, and two CDs, one maturing in 7 months, the other maturing in 14 months.
- Both AO students are current in their payments, with final payment due at the end of April.
- Exchange Visitor Program fee has been paid.
- I anticipate a large invoice from Intellicorp, since we had many background checks performed during March.

## **Host Families: Sue Isggrig**

We heard back from Pittsford Sutherland. They have excepted the boy from France and the boy from Spain. We have host families for both and will complete their screening when Sue returns from Florida after April 20. Please help find host families for the other four students. There are short bios are on our website.

## **Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

Our two AO applicants were interviewed on February 10.

- A girl from Medina, OH HS (parent was AO) has been accepted for a summer in Majorca, Spain. She has paid the first of two installments. Alfonso has identified a host family in Majorca and she and the family are just beginning to communicate.
- A boy from RCSD World of Inquiry HS has been accepted for a summer in Peru. His application has been completed. He has paid the first of two installments. He has an appointment at the Brighton Town Clerk's office to submit his passport application. A host family may have been identified in Arequipa; Gachy has asked that he complete school forms for the school he may be attending.

Orientation will be scheduled for some time in the spring.

## **State Department: Debby Allwell**

The paperwork for the Re -Designation of ATAD was submitted March 29, 2019 to the State Department. This process takes place every two years, allowing ATAD to operation as a sanctioned State Department program.

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I wanted to bring to the attention of all board members of the Exchange Visitors Program (EVP) Emergency hotline. This hotline is open 24 hours allows exchange visitors to directly contact the Department in an emergency or urgent situation. The number is 1-866-283-9090. It should be part of the orientation package and made available on the website. Program chairs should also remind their students and host families of this resource.

## **CSIET:**

No report.

## **Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull**

The Policies & Procedures Committee met in early March. The revised IS application and parent/student agreement will be available soon. We continue to review various other documents. Our next meeting is later this month.

## **Website development: George Morgan**

The website is up to date. Spend \$100 on FB advertising for host families. Mailing went out to 80 principals and vice principals. Sent an e-mail blast with no response. Florian and Miguel bios need to be removed.

Ad-hoc committee met 6 weeks ago but needs to get together again.

## **Social Media: Mary Jane Stark**

Posted photos from the host families, everyone is encouraged to provide photos.

## **Outreach: Tonya Thompson**

No report.

## **Activities: Barbara Pellicano**

Our International dinner was March 10. It was a great success.

The Senior Luncheon (students) will be APRIL 23, 2019.

## **Programs:**

### **Bamako: Alicia Ward**

Student from Mali who is on fill ride at RIT.

### **Wurzburg: Bob Wason**

No report.

### **Arequipa: Barb Pellicano**

No report.

### **Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano**

Nothing to report.

### **Novgorod: Marina Sweany**

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Anna is participating in a lot of clubs, both girls are doing well. Alyona went to Washington DC with another exchange students from Sweden.

## **Rennes: Guillaume Yobo**

Contact with Patricia needs to be made. Sharon to introduce Guillaume and Patricia by e-mail.

## **Krakow: Randy Peacock**

No report on Krakow.

1. Maria Gomez went home to Majorca for her custody hearing and has returned back to Geneseo. She is doing well in school. She has set her departure date for mid-July as she would like to stay in the U.S. for her birthday.
2. Alba is also doing well. I have finally received a copy of her school schedule. The calls and texts from her host mother have dwindled down to nothing permitting me to assume that they have found a path to living together without conflict. Alba travelled to New York City with the Geneseo High School Chorus from March 27 to the 29th.

## **Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)**

### **Vicente Martin Garcia-Marcos**

**Vicente:** Vicente is doing well. Over break, the family visited Washing DC. He loved it. The next family vacation will be in Carolina. He is doing fine in all of his classes. He may be going to prom... still thinking about it. Overall, Vicente is having a wonderful experience.

## **Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo**

The family in Pittsford that was going to host Marina is very disappointed to hear that Pittsford Sutherland requires a sibling to attend the school. The 3 children of this family go to Allendale Columbia. The mom wants to talk to the Principal at Sutherland and also call Allendale to find out if they can waive or help with tuition. This is not going to be a realistic solution and we need to find another family for Marina. I will be in Caltanissetta for the next two weeks and I will meet her. Rosetta tells me that there is also a boy interested, and that they are sending his file.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM April 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser