

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

February 5, 2019

Final

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Peggy Lull, Sue Isgrigg, Iva Doser, Randy Peacock, Dean Ekberg, Deb Allwell, Alicia Ward, Mary Jane Stark, Rosalba Pisaturo, Marina Sweeney

Guest: Guillaume Yoboue

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at PM by President, 7:05pm 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 January 2019 without change.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports. UBS account brought up by Dean for discussion.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We currently have two students. There is a host family in Geneseo or one of the students. Host family pre-arrival orientation with mom and step mom took place.

There is no host family for Aaron yet, possibly in September. He will be graduating high school but he is on delayed admission at the university. Therefore it is critical to find a host family for him.

There are 7 potential students that need to be placed in host families.

Sutherland is looking into the records for a boy from Spain and a boy from Rennes and once they confirmed, Sue will be looking into host families.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

I have applications from two students:

- A girl from Medina, OH HS (parent was AO) is interested in a summer in Majorca, Spain. Her application appears complete
- A boy from RCSD World of Inquiry HS is interested in a semester in Peru. His application requires the following to be complete: application fee (I will ask him to bring this to the interview), photos (I have asked him to bring these to the interview), and student information on the financial aid application (student, mom and I have discussed and he will complete at the interview). In addition, I have spoken to Tonya regarding the lack of a Gary Simon Memorial Scholarship application, and she will contact him.

Interviews will be held Sunday, February 10.

State Department: Debby Allwell

Alba arrived on Wednesday, January 25th. She has now been registered as active on the State Department website. The School Administrator letter from the State Department and the School Contact Form from ATAD has been sent to the principal Michael Salatel for Geneseo High School.

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All set with the report and all the fees has been paid.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

Nothing to report.

Website development: George Morgan

The website is up to date. George established a survey on the website if anyone wants to take it.

Social Media: Mary Jane Stark

We are on FB, Tweeter and Instagram. All the board members are encouraged to participate, share and participate in Social Media. There will be another push to the Host families to post pictures from events.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

The student is working on filling out the Gary Simon scholarship application. Tonya is in touch with the mom to assure this is going to get done.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

Our International dinner will be MARCH 10, 2019 at King's Bend Park from 4:30 -7 PM

The Senior Luncheon (students) will be APRIL 23, 2019 at the new Spiegel Center

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No news from Bamako. Guillaume Yoboue – RCSD French teacher is interested in joining the ATAD board as a program chair for France.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

No report.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Anna is doing well. She participates in track. Her grades are great. She seems happy. Alyona is taking a class in RIT "Film Study" and is very excited about it. She was sick for a couple of days. She is doing much better emotionally.

Rennes:

Looking for a program chair for the France.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

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I have not been able to make it to Geneseo to meet with Maria. I plan on visiting her in the next week. I have her third quarter report card and she has again made honor roll. Deb Allen just contacted me over the weekend to inform me that Maria is going to have to go home for a short period of time over the February break. Her parents are divorcing and she has to appear before a judge as part of the custody procedure. She has informed Deb Allen that she will be coming back to finish out the year but she does not know how long she will need to be home to complete the legal process.

On January 21 I met Alba Garcia Lopez at the Rochester airport along with her host mother, Amy Phelps. Maria is settling in with Phelps family and has informed me that they are incredibly nice people and that she feels comfortable with them. We had some difficulty getting her set to start at school. Her vaccination record needed to be entered into the NYSIIS database and the school nurse was unwilling to do it. Amy was then informed that Maria had to be examined by a NYS physician prior to being allowed to attend school. Amy has had to arrange for both of these actions to occur. We, as a board, should consider updating our orientation materials so that host families are aware that they will need to make arrangements to accommodate these requirements. Alba is attending school at this time. Over the weekend Amy Phelps contacted me and asked for assistance as they were having difficulty accessing Alba's money with her debit card.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

Vicente Martin Garcia-Marcos

Vicente is doing well both in school and at home. He continues to do well in his classes. He had a successful second quarter. Participating in Ski Club seems to be his favorite, minus the cold that is. The family is planning a trip to Washington DC during February break and he is excited about this. Overall, Vicente is doing great.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

Nothing new to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM February 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser