

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

January 2, 2018

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Present: Iva Doser, Sharon Garofanello, Randy Peacock, George Morgan, Barbara Pellicano, Debra Allwell, Dean Eckberg, Bob Wason, Joanne Funk, Peggy Lull, Sue Isgrigg,

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 November 2017 meeting without changes.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports. Contributions are beginning to come in.

Host Families:

Javiar is coming and staying with the Kennedy family in Webster Thomas School.
French student Florian is interested in coming, we need a host family and liaison for France.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

Peggy had received a reference for one student from SOTA that would like to go to Poland.
The meeting with PTA in Wester produced an interest and there is someone that would like to host a student from Russia.

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

Annual recertification of Responsible Officer (Sue Isgrigg) and Assistant Responsible Officer (Deb Allwell) was completed online for the SEVIS website. Two board members have not taken their Gyrus annual test. Email reminders were sent to them by Sue.

CSIET:

Looking for volunteer.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

No report.

Website development: George Morgan

Florian's short bio has been uploaded to ATAD.org

Social Media:

No report.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

No report.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

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We will need a new venue for our International Dinner in March. Rustic Village will **only** allow us to use their space on a weekday per their new policy.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

Possible student from Germany. Interview will happen this month.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

Javier Espino will be placed with the Kennedy family in Webster. They were interviewed last week and seem like a wonderful family. Javier will attend Thomas High School. Waiting on the background checks.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

No report.

Rennes:

Nothing to report.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

Nothing to report. We have a family in Geneseo that would like to take a student.

Majorca: Joanne Funk

Sebastian had great holidays. Spend them with the Pellegrino family and was able to Skype his family at home for their dinner on Christmas Eve.

On Christmas Day it sounded like it was a slow moving day at the house and then they went to see Star Wars.

I met up with Sebastian and we went out for coffee and then to my daughter's basketball game. We had a lot of discussion. There are some concerns right now but it sounds like the family is communicating so hopefully everything will maintain resolved.

Sebastian is participating in indoor track and is keeping very busy with that. He's been asked to run for Varsity which makes him happy. He has no complaints about school.

Maria Del Mar also enjoyed her holidays. They were planning on going to DC for Christmas but change their mind because of the cold temperatures that we're going through the Southern parts

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of U.S. as well. I haven't heard much from her but I'm planning on meeting up with her during the month of January.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

After many calls and much discussion, the Italian Consulate in New York did not grant Alyssa Steger a one year VISA. We have decided for her to go o a tourist Visa for 90 days and she will be able to attend school for 3 months. Alyssa is leaving on January 9th and returning on April 3rd. She will be hosted by the family of Claudio and Maria Ginevra and she is already registered at the Liceo R. Settimo in Caltanissetta.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM on January 2nd, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Iva Doser