

# ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

June 4 , 2024

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**Present:** Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Marina Sweeney, Randy Peacock, MJ Stark, Alicia Ward, Guillaume Yoboue, Peggy Lull, Joe McClellan

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:06 pm by Sharon Garofanello. The minutes from 2024 April, meeting were approved.

## **Treasurer's report:**

Financial reports are updated and presented to the board.

## **Host Families: Sue Isgrigg**

We continue to look for homes for two students, one girl from Italy and one boy from Spain. The Pre-Departure Orientation is scheduled for June 5 for our students and their host families. A gift from ATAD will be presented at this time.

## **CSET:**

Nothing new to report.

## **State Department: Sue Isgrigg**

Three DS2019s have been filed, one for Russia, one for Italy and one for Spain

## **Activities: Randy Peacock**

Six of our students joined Pittsford Senior Citizens for lunch on May 31. Each student gave a talk about their experience. Sharon Garofanello and Sue Isgrigg were so proud of how well our students represented our program. We hope to continue this visit annually.

## **Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

I am working on scheduling with Sharon Garofanello Sabrina's pre-departure orientation.

## **Website Update: George Morgan**

The ATAD website is up-to-date and that there hasn't been much email activity directed to us in the last month.

## **Sharon**

Angelica had a successful year and is sad to leave.

## **Marina**

No report for the month.

## **Randy Peacock – Majorca**

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I contacted Lucia Magie Gomez by telephone on June 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed her current situation and her plans for returning home. Lucia sounded like she was in good spirits. She reported that she had two weeks of school remaining and she was looking forward to returning to her friends and family at home. She had not started saying any goodbyes to friends yet.

She had planned on traveling with her host mother to Washington, D.C. but those plans were canceled and a substitute plan to travel to Canada was put into place. Lucia contacted me about getting her visa form signed in preparation for the trip. Unfortunately, it was discovered that her host mother's passport had expired so they could not travel to Canada. A last-minute plan was created to travel to Philadelphia but 30 minutes outside Rochester they struck a deer on the highway and could not continue the trip. Lucia said she was disappointed but understood.

Lucia has moved her departure date from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>. She promised to send me her flight information and to keep me informed on the timing of her plans to head to the airport so I can coordinate meeting her there to wish her well on her journey home.

## **Guillaume Yoboue**

This was a busy year for Ariane. She played tennis for Brockport High School and had the chance to go to the Homecoming dance on 9/30/23. Her favorite subjects in school are photography and architecture. Besides tennis in the fall, she went bowling in November 2023 and played softball in the spring of 2024. She made friends with many tennis mates.

Ariane went to the prom with ATAD's Italian student Teresa of Webster Schroeder High School on 6/1/24.

Ariane was ill a lot this year because of the cold weather. As a result, she missed many assignments, but made up some work and is all caught up.

Her grades are now picking up and she is doing well in school. She is planning to leave Rochester for Spain in July 2024. She will miss Rochester.

Overall, communication is better with friends in school and host family. Her English is also getting much better than when she arrived.

## **Deb Allen**

Marga is doing fine. Deb is coordinating with her her departure so she can make sure she can be at the airport to send her off.

## **Alicia – Bamaco**

No report.

## **Barbara Pellicano – Mallorca**

Teresa has had a successful year. She has excelled in all of her classes. She is looking forward to all of the end of year festivities. She has made many friends and lasting relationships. Teresa is looking forward to attending the Junior prom. She really enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Overall, her experience has been great! She has been part of team sports which has enriched her experience here. She returns home on July 8th.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iva Doser