

# ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

May 1, 2018

## Final

**Present:** Iva Doser, Sharon Garofanello, George Morgan, Alicia Ward, Les Knox, Sue Isgrigg, Barb Pellicano, Marina Sweeney, Rosalba Pisaturro, Joanne Funk, Bob Wason, Randy Peacock

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7: 04 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 April 2018 meeting with the changes suggested.

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

Attached are standard Balance Sheet and Budget vs Actual reports.

Currently insurance for all IS kids is set to expire on June 30. There is no need to notify me if anyone is going home before that date. **If any of your students are remaining with us beyond June 30, please notify me as soon as possible so I can extend their coverage.** ATAD is required to maintain their coverage as long as they are with us or otherwise under our care and supervision.

### **Host Families:**

Two of our students have not been placed yet – the boy from Majorca and Damien's brother from France. One of the two girls from Russia is placed with a family and will be going to Rush Henrietta school.

### **Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull**

No report.

### **State Department: Sue Isgrigg**

The big change is that the State Department will no longer support an online training program. They have shifted the responsibility to each organization. Sue has been sent the bank of test questions. She proposed that we have an annual event and all take the test at the same time. Sue will maintain the hard copies to prove that we meet the State Department requirement of annual training.

Sue proposed a motion to have an hour of our February meeting starting in 2019 to take the test as a group. If someone can't take the test needs to make additional arrangements. Sue will be responsible for the record keeping. The Board approved the motion.

One of our students had a change of host family. That has been registered with the SEVIS website. The paperwork for our Russian student for fall 2018 has been mailed by FedEx and received in Russia.

**CSIET: Sue Isgrigg**

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Nothing to report.

### **Policies and Procedures Committee:**

No report.

### **Website development: George Morgan**

Along with the Tweeter feed, George has posted on Facebook that ATAD is looking for host families.

### **Social Media:**

We are officially on Twitter @atadroc. Please join us. I have seen Webster PTSA retweet us, so hopefully that will help bring some more visibility to us and our needs for host families. If anyone knows of any other school districts on Twitter, please let them know about us and let me know so I can tag them in Tweets. Please help spread the word.

### **Outreach: Tonya Thompson**

No report.

### **Activities: Barbara Pellicano**

Tuesday, April 17, all four of our students plus the one Rotary student attended the Pittsford Senior Citizens luncheon. They made presentations on their home countries and their experience here. We should be proud of the wonderful way our students represented our organization.

ATAD's annual picnic is on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sue Isgrigg's cottage in Canandaigua.

### **Programs:**

#### **Bamako: Alicia Ward**

No report.

#### **Wurzburg: Bob Wason**

Working with the school in Brockport and the host family for Hanna's placement. Background checks for the host family need to be performed.

#### **Arequipa: Barb Pellicano**

He is in youth Choir in church. He enjoyed the Senior luncheon. He is doing well in school and is taking one AP class.

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

Nothing to report.

#### **Novgorod: Marina Sweany**

Alyna Kondratieva is doing well. She went to Washington with her family. She was doing track but can't compete with other students, since she's already graduated from high school. She got some recognition for her art work. During April break she visited Rochester and stayed with Maria's family ( our Spanish student). Students went to RIT with me, to the Science museum and had a sleep over. She is looking for a prom dress. Her grades are good except for one class

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Horticulture, she doesn't know why. I encouraged her to talk to the teacher to clarify expectations for the class. Other than that everything is fine.

### **Rennes:**

ATAD board is looking for a Chair for France for next year.

### **Krakow: Randy Peacock**

Nothing to report.

### **Majorca: Joanne Funk**

Sebastian has changed host families. Official move date was Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is now staying with the Field family (John and Deb and two children Anya and Will) in Pittsford. He is MUCH happier and after speaking with Deb, the host Mom on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> and John the host Father on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup>, both are very happy to have Sebastian in their home and feel very good about things.

Sebastian is still running track and all seems to be great on his end.

Things for Maria Del Mar seem to be going well. She has a new little sister! She and Wayne seem to have things figured out as far as chores and responsibilities go. She is also participating in track. She was invited to a friend's birthday party and a sleep over on a different night.

She is awaiting approval from the board before purchasing her ticket to NYC. She needs to go to NYC to attend her Bachillerato examination. Her Dad is going to be in town for business so she will stay with him in his hotel room. We are just awaiting the ok from her school counselor for any school she may miss.

### **Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo**

Alyssa Steger came back from Italy. Her host family was very happy with her and she did a lot of traveling.

### **Old business:**

Ad Hoc Committee members are trying to determine a time and date for their meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM on May 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Iva Doser