

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

May 2 , 2023

Final

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Deb Alwell, Randall Peacock, Marina Sweany, Guillaume Yoboue, Peggy Lull, Barbara Pellicano, Alicia Ward, Tonya Thompson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:07 pm by President Sharon Garofanello. The minutes from April 2023 meetings were approved.

New business:

There were two nominations, Dean Ekberg and Marian Kobrin. Please email Sue Isgrigg your vote by Saturday, May 6. The results will be announced, and a plaque presented at our June meeting.

Treasurer's report:

No new updates to the financials this month. Our accountants finally filed our taxes, so that is complete. CSIET is asking for submissions for National Host Family Week - I need to collect a photo of each student with their family. Sue sent them an email about this, but please make note for the meeting that those photos are due by Wednesday 5/3 in order to get the submissions in on time.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We have a host family for Margarita from Spain. East Rochester High School has accepted her. We are moving ahead with the rest of the paperwork. We sent Akxel's application to Honeoye Falls Lima High School and are awaiting an answer. Sue, Jody and Deb met yesterday to work on the first DS2019. This is all online, saving ATAD lots of money. At this time we still need homes for a girl from Italy, a girl from the Canary Island and two boys from Italy.

The East Rochester host family was a result of contact made by Laura at a conference. The board needs to authorize a \$100 refund to Laura for her help. Sue will let the other students know and maybe it will inspire them to find us more families.

CSET:

Csiet will be promoting host families on social media. They asked for pictures and names of host families. We forwarded to our three families and asked them to send pictures to Mj, our treasurer.

State Department:

Completed the DS 2019 visa paperwork for Lucia Maggie Gomez with Sue Isgrigg. Sue and I were also able to figure out how to electronically sign the document with George Morgan's help!

The Sevis team last month had reached out to the sponsor community for input on improving Sevis. The main functionality ATAD will benefit with is the DS2019 can be signed electronically, and if the DS2019 needs to be reprinted a new reason for reprinting is "travel".

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Activities: Randy Peacock

Sue Isgrigg has asked me to be the liaison for one of the students coming from Mallorca this coming school year. I have agreed to work with Lucia Maggi Gomez.

On Thursday of the past week Sue and I visited the proposed host family home in Pittsford. Tharaha Thavakumar and Kristopher Slavin have volunteered to host Lucia in their home with their two sons. Sue and I both thought this family would work well as a host for our student.

I have written to Lucia to greet her and look forward to greeting her on her arrival in the U.S.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

We are awaiting payment from our AO applicant. Once we have received payment, then we can schedule her pre-departure orientation and purchase her airline ticket.

Website Update: George Morgan

April minutes have been posted and it has been uneventful the past month.

Sharon – Italy

Her host ant was looking to take her to NYC. School is going well. Spring break she spent in town and has been enjoying her year.

Marina – Spain

Laura is doing well in school. She will take regents exam in biology. She is very kind and a wonderful student.

Alicia – Bamaco

The sister city committee has a drive to collect eyeglasses on May 20th

Collaborating with organization from Washington DC which will pick up the glasses and take them back to DC and to Mali.

American Council is looking for a partnership with ATAD looking to place students. They have a finder's fee and have a travel to Washington DC for the coordinator for annual meeting.

Barbara Pellicano - Spain

No report.

Left messages with her exchange students but has not heard back.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser