

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

November 12, 2019

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Present: Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, Guillaume Yoboue, Suzanne Isgrigg, Marina Sweany, Les Knox, George Morgan, Peggy Lull

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 the minutes from October 2019 without change.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are copies of standard Budget vs Actual and Balance Sheet reports
You will also find draft copies of our Financial Statements, IRS 990, and NYS CHAR 500 for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019.

Host Families: Sue Isggrig

We have moved Helen to a new home. She remains in the same high school.

The State Department has notified us that they will be contacting all five of our international students by email in late November. It will be a short survey to see how things are going. Sue will notify the students to look for the survey and complete it. This is a new way for the State Department to check on small programs like ours.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

Nothing to report.

State Department: Debby Allwell

Change of placement for Helen was updated in the State Department database.

CSIET:

Nothing to report.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

Nothing to report.

Website development: George Morgan

Nothing new to report.

Social Media: Mary Jane Stark

Nothing new to report.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

One applicant for Gary Simon scholarship.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

No report.

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Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Randy Peacock

No report.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Lena Komova (Helen) was moved to a new family. She seems happy there, visited Mendon park and fed the birds. This weekend was theater performance where Lena has a small role. She is now planning to take part in audition for the coming up musical. Luka went to the Model UN conference in Hilton for two days. He really enjoyed the atmosphere and the energy. He visited Corning Museum of Glass this Sunday. He is getting the highest grades in his AP chemistry class but has to watch his Biology grade and stay on top of assignments. He doesn't quite understand the system of how to look up what's due and when. Overall both students are doing well and are in high spirit.

Rennes: Guillaume Yobo

I met with Carol, Carl, Paige and Florian for their October visit on Monday, October 28th. Everything is going well. Florian was glad he was able to go to Florida (although for a funeral service) and meet the rest of the extended family. School is going well. He is enjoying making new friends. He enjoyed joining cross country in the Fall and is now trying to join Nordic/Ski Club, Cross Country Ski Club, and playing piano. Florian stated that he was not bored at all. Florian is interested in joining a Network of Complementary Schools, an away program for two weeks. Carol was asking about the away program and whether it would be an option or not. I told them that I would discuss it at the next ATAD Board meeting of 11/12 and would get back to them.

Provided Patricia and the host family are OK with Florian taking three days off from school, the Board is in favor to allow him to travel from February 15-23, 2020 with his natural family.

Krakow:

Possible student from Krakow for the new year.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

No report.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

Marina is doing well. She is very quiet but overall, she is happy.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM November 12, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser