

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

October 3, 2017

Final

Present: Mariana Sweany, Sue Isgrigg, Rosalba Pisaturo, Barb Pellicano, Sharon Garofanello, Joanne Funk, Peggy Lull, Les Knox, Dean Ekberg, Debra Allwell, Alicia Ward

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by President, Sharon Garofanello.

Order of business: Order of business was reviewed and accepted without change.

Minutes from previous meeting: Sue has one correction to minutes from September's meeting.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Treasurer's Report and annual report from accountant will be out. Dean has invite from Attorney General for Not for Profit on 19th of October for a Charities Symposium at Memorial Art Gallery. We received a note of thanks from Karen Grover.

At end of meeting Dean presented his concern for the Future of ATAD. Dean suggested an ADHOC committee be established to realize a study of ATAD's future. Les seconded it. Dean moved to table the motion. Les seconded it. All present voted in favor to set aside the topic for time being.

American Overseas: No reports

State Department: Sue Isgrigg

No students have been registered for the 2017-2018 school year so far. We never received notification of the College Fair this year so no one attended. Sue felt unsure if this Fair is useful to our goal of attracting Americans Overseas applicants.

CSJET:

No report

Website Development: George Morgan

Nothing to report on website

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

Jordan's presentation will take place at our next meeting at 7:15. Tonya will send an email blast to RCSD school counselors a few times this month to recruit students for scholarship.

Activities: Barb Pellicano

Our ATAD Post Orientation is being held October 14-15th. Needs RSVP with number attending from Mallorca Students.

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PROGRAMS:

Home visits need to be done asap. Once completed, let Sue and Deb know so they can carry out the independent visit to follow up. Sue Isgrigg will do Huang family. Deb Alwell will do Pellegrinos.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

Italy will hold off on AOs and any incoming students from Italy. Possible AO Alisa is having much difficulty receiving the necessary VISA, in spite of her personal visit to the Embassy earlier this month.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

A college soccer coach from U of R wants to host a student from Wurzburg for next year. Student will be 15 in July. ATAD is student must be 15 ½ by time of their arrival.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Alina is doing well. She gets along with her sister really well and is making her own friends. She participates in Fashion Club, in E-book club. She is also in a musical both dancing and singing. The family went on a trip to celebrate grandmother's 90 birthday where Alina met the whole family.

In Rush Henrietta we need to formally present the program to the administration and we must schedule early.

Mallorca: Joanne Funk

Sebastian: Sebastian seems very content. He is really enjoying school and says his family is fantastic! We've spoken via text a few times and then spoke over the phone for about 25 minutes last Friday. His classes are going well. He did not try out for football as he had originally hoped because he understood without having had experience before, it could be a very dangerous sport. He does plan on participating in intramurals or club soccer though. I see him and his host family regularly at church.

Maria del Mar:

Maria seems very happy. Very comfortable with her home and family. Classes are going well and averages about an hour maybe two a night of homework. She said it is all very manageable. She's enjoying her family and has a great big bedroom! She enjoyed her time in New York City and was hoping to participate in soccer but the season had already started by the time she got here. She is planning on attending the overnight orientation on the 14th. She is being told that she team needs two additional vaccinations. Speaking to Wayne and ksenia, Maria's host parents, they seemed very happy with how things were going.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

#1 My wife and I attended the memorial service for Claire Allen several weeks ago. She is the 14 year old daughter of the Allen family who hosted Mateusz this past year. I have informed Mateusz of the tragedy and he has been in contact with the Allen family. Such a tragedy to use a young person like this.

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#2 I had intended to discuss with the Board an idea that I have had in my head for a couple of weeks. I am an acquaintance of Brother Wease, the morning radio host, through a client of mine. The cohost on the show is Paul Guglielmo and I have spoken with him on a couple of occasions. Paul has often mentioned his participation in an exchange program where he spent a year in Italy. (I don't know what program it was.) I have been considering approaching Paul to speak with him about ATAD to gauge his interest in helping us with our program. Perhaps there is a board position we could ask him to sit on. I think that he would be a very good resource for getting our needs and message out to the public

Bamako: Alicia Ward

We are anticipating the arrival of the mayor of Bamako the week of October 16 – 19th. Alicia will email board when it is confirmed.

Arequipa: Tom Greiner

No report

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Les Knox shared that he will be returning to Argentina to visit his Argentinean host family who hosted him as a student 57 years ago.

Sue Isgrigg moves to close the meeting. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm on October 3, 2017.

Submitted by Joanne Funk during the absence of Iva Doser.

Joanne Funk