

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

October 2, 2018

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Present: Sharon Garofanello, Iva Doser, Peggy Lull, Sue Isgrigg, MJ Stark, Dean Ekberg, George Morgan

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM by President, Sharon Garofanello.

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

Minutes of previous meeting: The Board didn't have a quorum to approve the minutes of the September 2018 meeting or the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports.

All IS fees have been received.

EFPRGroup has completed our annual review. I will forward a PDF copy of our Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018 to members of the board as soon as I have received the final copy. Federal and State forms are complete and are being filed electronically.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

MJ Stark and Sue Isgrigg attended the College Night at Marketplace Mall September 26. They handed out brochures and recruited three possible host families. Sue emailed with the new director of foreign students at Bishop Kearney. They have offered to speak to their PTA about American Overseas. No date yet. All five IS students attended the overnight at Sue's in Canandaigua September 28. One host sister and one guest also attended. Thanks to Randy Peacock for helping with the driving, Sharon Garofanello for doing the host parent meeting and Peggy Lull for doing the required student post-arrival orientation. Reminder to volunteers to do independent home visits that are due by the end of October

We need host families for the 2 students from Peru.

Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

Nothing to report.

State Department: Debby Allwell

Nothing to report.

CSIET:

Nothing to report.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

The committee met in September and has two meetings scheduled in October.

The IS Permission to Travel form, the IS Pre-Departure Letter, the IS School Contact Information document, and the Background Check Directions document have been sent to George to be uploaded to our website.

The committee is continuing the process of revising the International Student Application & Parent/Student Agreement, and the Treasurer job description.

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Website development: George Morgan

Website is up-to date. Bios are posted, and the P&P documents are posted as well. Javier's testimonial is going to be uploaded to the website.

Ad-hoc committee: George Morgan

The committee met last week. The topic of discussion is to assess what people think of foreign exchange program in the community (school admin, parents). Board members to reach out to their contacts and get the justification that a program like ATAD needs to exist.

Social Media: Mary Jane Stark

Instagram account is created.

MJ will be doing the blurbs for each IS going forward.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

A flyer for the Gary Simon scholarship has been created by George and approved by all to be distributed throughout the RCSD. Currently working on getting the flyer posted in the district bulletin which goes out to all staff members in the district. It will be posted in October bulletin. School counselors will also receive a copy.

Tonya has a prospective applicant for Gary Simon in mind after sharing the flyer with district staff member.

Tonya proposes the idea to post a general ATAD flyer to other district bulletin.

I have not had contact with the former ATAD student who may be interested in being on board. Will follow through in October.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

Post arrival / sleepover was this past weekend and was a great success. Thank you, Sue, for hosting and all others who helped.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

No report.

Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

We have 2 students from Arequipa that we need to place in host families:

Alba Maria Garcia Calderon Lopez

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Aaron Medinas

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Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

No report.

Rennes:

Looking for a program chair for the program.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

Randy reached out to Olga, ATAD liaison in Poland but never heard back from her.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

We currently have 2 students from Mallorca - **Maria Gomez Castresana** and **Vicente Martin Garcia-Marcos**. Maria is with the Allen family and is attending school in Geneseo. Vicente is with the Bennet family and attending Webster Schroeder.

Maria: Maria is doing well. She loves school and is doing great in her classes. She is part of the Cross Country team and back stage. She enjoys her classes and she has attended a variety of school sporting events. She seems to be assimilating well.

Vicente: Vicente is doing well. He participates in Math League and may be joining international club. He enjoys doing things with the family. Recently they went go-carting and to Lasertron. He loved it. He is doing well in all of his classes. His favorites are chemistry and Physics and currently has a 98 and 99 average in these classes. Overall, Vicente is adapting well.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on October 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser