

ATAD Board - Minutes of Meeting

September 10, 2019

Final

Present: Sharon Garofanello, Peggy Lull, Iva Doser, Guillaume Yoboue, Barb Pellicano, George Morgan, Suzanne Isgrigg, Bob Wason, Marina Sweany, Rosalba Pisaturo, Deb Allwell, Tonya Thompson, Alicia Ward, Randy Peacock, Mary Jane Stark, Les Knox

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 June 2019 without change.

Treasurer's report: Dean Ekberg

Attached are standard Balance Sheet, and a DRAFT Budget vs Actual report. Please note that the 2019-2020 budget proposal was tabled in June because we were unable to vote on it due to incorrect proposal. This report is based on the budget proposal, and not on an adopted budget.

I have also attached a copy of the correct proposal for the 2019-2020 budget and move that it be adopted by the board. The proposal is very close to the budget under which we operated last year. Significant variances:

- We have made great strides in reducing our need for photocopies. You'll see that last year only \$54 was spent in that category, while our budget allowed up to \$500. The proposal before you calls for a maximum of \$250, and I am confident that we will still be substantially below that amount in the current year.
- You will note that we went over the budgeted amount for Visas and SEVIS fees by \$1362. That is because we had not anticipated the large periodic reauthorization fee. This is not assessed every year, and you will recall discussions about confusing due dates in past board meetings. Since we paid that last year, this fee will not be assessed this year. The proposal calls for the same amount we have had in the last few years.

While there was discussion at the June meeting concerning raising fees both for AO and IS kids, the minutes don't indicate that a vote was taken, and at this time, I don't recall where things stand. I did check the application forms on our website and see that the AO fee is still listed at \$3200, and the IS fee is listed at \$1200. I have received payments for three of our recently-arrived IS kids that have all been \$1100, and not the \$1200 I see online. I assume they were using old applications, or that the \$1200 fee was published sometime after their applications had been submitted. This should be clarified as soon as possible.

Sent out letter with new pricing for the next academic year by Sharon. The applications received so far have incorrect pricing and will be accepted as is. Chairs are supposed to reach out to their counterparts to communicate the change.

The board voted for the approval of the budget.

Host Families: Sue Isgrigg

We were unable to find homes for the last two students. Thank you to all the board members that tried to help. The boy from Spain is young and he would like to come next year. It's never too early to find host families for the 2020-2021 school year.

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Americans Overseas: Peggy Lull

Nothing to report.

State Department: Debby Allwell

All current students for the 2019 2020 year have been registered and are now listed as having active status with the state department.

On August 21st, ATAD was approved for Re-Designation with the State Department. Note that it was approved but ATAD was reminded that for it to be Re-Designated in 2021 ATAD must have at least 5 active participants every year to qualify. It was noted that last year ATAD only had 4 active participants.

The Annual Report was submitted to SEVIS in July, as well as the Change of Placement Report/Spreadsheet. The 2019 Fall Semester placement updates have also been completed.

ATAD requested/submitted allotment of 8 students for DS 2019 submissions for the 2020-2021 school year.

At the end of August Welcome to School letters from the US Department of State as well as ATAD student contact forms have been send to all school districts hosting our students.

CSIET:

We received notification from CSIET that the State Department is raising its fee from \$180 to \$220 for each IS to get paperwork for a visa. This will start in June of 2019. ATAD pays this fee.

Policies and Procedures Committee: Peggy Lull

Our next meeting will be next week.

Website development: George Morgan

No report.

Social Media: Mary Jane Stark

Nothing to report.

Outreach: Tonya Thompson

Nothing to report.

Activities: Barbara Pellicano

Our ATAD Post Orientation and Farewell was Sunday, June 2nd.

Programs:

Bamako: Alicia Ward

No report.

Wurzburg: Bob Wason

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Arequipa: Barb Pellicano

No report.

Iquitos, Peru: Barb Pellicano

Nothing to report.

Novgorod: Marina Sweany

Students arrived and are adjusting well. One is in Rush Henrietta and one is Penfield. Lena is taking some music classes and theater that she is interested in. Luka is taking AP Chemistry and Orchestra. They are both happy with their class selections. They visited Niagara Falls and enjoying their stay so far.

Rennes: Guillaume Yobo

We have a boy coming from Rennes, France for the 2019-2020 school year. His name is Florian Le Vasseur, born in September 2002. He will be attending Pittsford Sutherland HS. His host mom is Carol Cunningham from Pittsford.

Krakow: Randy Peacock

Nothing to report from Krakow.

Majorca: Barbara Pellicano (interim)

Miquel Amengal Verdera is here from Mallorca, Spain. Miki is living with the Baumwart family in Pittsford and will be attending Pittsford Southerland High School.

“Miki” is doing great and has adjusted well thus far. He and his family have travelled to Ottawa and Niagara Falls. He loves school and is excited about being part of the Cross Country team. He has made a lot of new friends and is happy to be part of his new family here.

Caltanissetta: Rosalba Pisaturo

No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM September 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Iva Doser