

Sister City Committee
Minutes of Meeting
January 2, 2024

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following were present:

Marc Michaelson
Melody Villalobos
Gerry Short
Amy Wise
Erica Williams
Mary Ann Rogers
Barbara Ibarra
Jonathan Wright

Not Present:

Sherica Clark Nelms

2. Approval of December 5, 2023 Minutes

Mary Ann made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Amy and passed unanimously.

3. Financial Status

The monthly reconciliation for December 2023 was reviewed with a balance of \$105,401.87 as of 12/31/2023.

4. Zama Communications

- Marc has been in communication with Zama and working to settle a few things
- The committee and Zama agreed to 6 chaperones attending the visit

5. Unfinished Business

Student interview discussion and votes

- Amy and Mary Ann discussed interviews of Manna Jones Feenstra, Graison Murray and Adelei Creasy and gave a positive recommendation for all three. The committee discussed each student.
 - Amy made a motion to accept Manna Jones Feenstra, Graison Murray and Adelei Creasy into the program. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously.
- Bobbie and Marc discussed Jael Intriago, Morgan Surratt and Joseph Gerges and gave a positive recommendation for all three. The committee discussed each student
 - Bobbie made a motion to accept Jael Intriago and Morgan Surratt into the program. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously.
 - Bobbie made a motion to accept Joseph Gerges into the program pending receipt of missing paperwork to make his application complete by January 12th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Erica and passed unanimously.
- Melody and Gerry discussed the interview of Ethan Anderson and gave a positive recommendation. The committee discussed.
 - Melody made a motion to accept Ethan Anderson into the program. The motion was seconded by Bobbie and passed unanimously.
- Erica and Jonathan discussed the interview of Cohen Mann and gave a positive recommendation. The committee discussed.
 - Erica made a motion to accept Cohen Mann into the program. The motion was seconded by Bobbie and passed unanimously.

- Bobbie suggested home visits for potential students in the future. The committee discussed this and concluded that it would be beneficial.

6. New Business

- The committee discussed the potential Chili Supper fundraiser in March and decided against having this event. Instead of having a fundraiser the committee would like to have a get together with the students. Details not decided yet.

- Processes and procedures: Marc presented his compiled list of suggestions that he received from the committee members. He suggested that everyone go through the list and put each item into a category:
 - Hosting(1)
 - Travel(2)
 - Off year activity(3)
 - Marketing and Recruiting(4)
 - Does no apply(5)

7. Other

- The committee discussed personal fundraising for students and the difference between corporate sponsorships and personal contributions to individuals.
- The next meeting will be February 6th

8. Adjournment

With no further business before the committee a motion was made to adjourn by Bobbie and seconded by Erica at 7:25 p.m.