



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
City Hall North
November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm
In-person & Zoom Meeting
MINUTES

WELCOME:

I. Call to order – Regina Pryor, President called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

QUORUM ROLL CALL (12 elected members are currently needed for a quorum.
*Emeritus members do not count for this purpose.)

PRESENT:

NAME	Y	N	NAME	Y	N
Goh	X		Park	X	
Besenfelder	X		Pryor	X	
Cha	X		Ramos	X	
Choi		X	Schlaerth	X	
delToro-Diaz	X		Singh	X	
Dillon		X	Sproul	X	
He	Z		Stone	X	
Hernandez	X		Tamsi	Z	
Hungerford	Z		Verdugo	X	
Jhaj	X		*Park E	X	
Kooner		X	*Park Y	X	
Martin		X			
McCormick	X				

Guests: Greg Hernandez (member)

II. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

- A. Minutes: Minutes of 10/4/22 meeting prepared by acting secretary Stone. McCormick moved to approve; second by del Toro-Diaz. Approved
- B. Correspondence: Pryor Newsletter from Bucheon announcing the completion of the new Bucheon Arts Center, which includes a state-of-the-art symphony hall.

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS: Schlaerth not present/no report

IV. MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Goh stated the the reception for Dr. Igor Calzada, Fulbright Scholar in Residence at CSUB, went very well.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pryor

- A. October 6 Night out was Great! Approximately 20 people participated in dinner at Chalet Basque.
- B. November Birthdays – Debi Besenfelder 11/2
- C. Newsletter this year to feature each sister city – Thank you Sue for October November will feature Bucheon. Who will take January? Suggested that Amritsar would be a good choice.
- D. Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Igor Calzada reception at CSUB
Stone reported that Dr. Calzada gave a speech on his hopes to establish cooperation between the Basque communities in Bakersfield and the Western United States and the Basque and Welsh institutions in Europe.
- E. Dave Urner passing:
 - 1. Memorial service will be on Saturday, November 12 at 10 am at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern Canyon Road. Graveside service immediately following.
 - 2. Pryor will speak on Dave's service to Bakersfield Sister City. Stone may read letters of condolence from Wakayama.

VI. DISCUSSION

- A. New Board Members;
 - 1. Stone nominated Bethany Fleisher to serve on the Board as Secretary. Sproul seconded. Approved by Board. Fleisher is a former BSCPC Youth Ambassador to Wakayama and is currently a counselor at Mojave Rive Academy.
 - 2. McCormick nominated Scott Andrews to serve on the Board to represent the affiliation with St. Jean de Luz, France. Cha seconded. Approved by Board. Andrews is an Assistant City Manager and a world-traveler.
- B. Downtown Christmas Parade December 1st.
 - 1. Volunteers include Pryor, Stone, Ramos. Andrews will let us use his convertible.
 - 2. We still need more adult & youth volunteers to walk in the parade in costumes & to carry the banners.
- C. Holiday Party for all Sister City Members with Holiday picture December 6:
 - 1. The board approved the expenditure of \$215 for use of a room for 4 hours at the Riverlakes Ranch Community Center (3825 Riverlakes Drive 93308). Stone moved/Del Toro-Diaz seconded. Passed
 - 2. All board members should bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. Del Toro-Diaz will send

out flyer to board. Please reply to him with what you plan to bring. REPLY TO ALL so that we will have some diversity. Pryor will take care of beverages, etc.

D. Annual Meeting March 7th – Location?

1. Stone suggested Hungry Hunter (if not too expensive) or served dinner at Hodel's.

E. Sister City Gardens Festival 3/25 from 4:00-7:00 PM—NO DISCUSSION

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Amritsar: Kooner—No report. Mr. Kooner was at hospital with his son, who was badly injured.

B. Bucheon: Cha

1. The planned November visit by Bucheon City officials was cancelled, due to conflict with Veteran's Day holiday and parade.

2. Bucheon has announce the dates for the 2022 Bucheon International Youth Homestay Program: July 27-August 2.

3. Bucheon Trip: Must be there for the 6:00 pm Boksagol Opening Ceremony on Thursday, May 4, 2023. This means departing from LAX around midnight on 5/2. More details will follow as they are determined.

C. Queretaro: Ramos

1. Ramos stated that Celia Pesquera in Querétaro has told her that the current City government does not know anything about the Sister City relationship between Bakersfield & Querétaro. She has suggested that BSCPC write a proposal/plan for renewed relations. Stone will send original documents to Ramos to help and try to contact Manuel Arriola—the first chair of the committee.

2. The Hispanic Chamber (KCHCC) will be hosting Dia de los Muertos Celebration on Sunday, 10/6 from 1 pm to 7 pm. Admission: \$10. Children under 5 are free. Ticket packages for families or large groups are available at: <https://kchcc.org/ddlm/>

D. Cixi: Pryor Trying to email contacts there.

E. Wakayama: Stone/Verdugo

1. Wakayama Committee is working with Bucheon Committee on plans for the May 2023 trip to both cities.

2. Wakayama Children's Choir will be here for just three nights: March 28-31, 2023. Before arriving in Bakersfield they will visit Disneyland and other tourist sites in Los Angeles area. After leaving on 3/31, they will go to Universal Studios and then spend the night at a hotel near LAX, before departing the next morning. While here, they will perform at one school and at an evening concert. The committee will be working on plans. We will need multiple host families.

F. Other:

Saint-Jean-de-Luz: Pryor –no report

VIII. OTHER ITEMS

A. Facebook & Website: Hungerford reported that he has removed the "dead" Give Big Kern Button from the website. Pryor will send him the info to post for how to donate in Dave Urner's memory.

B. SoCal: Stone

1. Reported on the SoCal Sister Cities Regional Meeting of October 15, 2022. (See attached notes).

2. Stone also reported that the California Youth Leadership Summit will be LIVE STREAMED this Saturday, November 5 from 5 pm to 7pm. There are 4 panels of California high school & college students discussing various topics and one International Forum. She listed the guest moderators and performer Ava August. (see attached notes for details)

3. NOTE: not reported at the meeting—Stockdale High School student Aiden Park will be on one of the panels. Aiden is also a cellist with the BYSO and went to Wakayama with the group in 2019!!!!!! Hooray, Aiden.

C. Youth Advisory:

1. Sproul stated that Cha's announcement was the first he had heard of the 2022 Bucheon Homestay plans. He added that he does not feel up to serving as the chaperone again. Also stated the need for a Bucheon youth advisory committee.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Pryor announced that the Bakersfield Youth Symphony will be performing at their first concert of the season at the CSUB Doré Theater on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm.

Admission is \$5 for seniors & students; \$10 for adults.

X. NEXT MEETING

A. December 6 – Holiday Party

B. Schedule of Meetings

December 6 - no meeting – Holiday Party

January 3

February 7

March 7 – Annual Meeting/Dinner

April 4

May 2

June 6

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:01 PM

Moved by Cha/ Seconded by He

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Stone, acting secretary

