

**Phoenix Sister Cities
Taipei Committee**

February 8, 2018

George and Son Restaurant, 3049 West Agua Fria Freeway, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Attendance:

Lin Ling Lee, Senior Advisor
Sadie Wright, Chair
Wen Chyi Chiu, Vice Chair
Wen Shuenn Chiu, Secretary
Rita Marko, Staff, President CEO of Phoenix Sister Cities
Mike Rakowsky, Hermosillo Member
TC Chiu, Member
Nick Karler, Phoenix Sister Cities Vice President Rick Gerrard Intern

Call to Order: The meeting to order by Chair Sadie Wright at 5:50 pm.

Introduction of Guest: Nick Karler, Intern to Vice President Rick Gerrard

Approval of Minutes: The Taipei Committee November 9, 2017 meeting minutes was read; the first motion to approve the minutes was given by Mike Rakowsky and the second motion was given by Wen Chyi Chiu, and the minutes of November 9, 2017 were passed and approved. (No meeting in December 2017 and cancel meeting in January 2018 due to lack of quorum.)

Taiwan Business Seminar: Chair Sadie Wright indicated event need to be approved by June. Chair Sadie briefed that she was doing some research on a venue for this event. Chair Sadie also briefed that all details need to be done for this event before the break in June or the event won't happen, after summer break the next meeting will be on Thursday the 13th of September 2018 and the event is scheduled to be on Thursday the 27th of September 2018 which is two weeks later. Chair Sadie also briefed that a \$250.00 one time in-kind donation can made for a specific purpose that doesn't count against any of the money in the Taipei Committee Account.

Taipei Committee Meeting: 50-50 drawing for Taipei Committee funds, PSC get 25% and 75% for Taipei Committee at the Taipei Committee Meeting to raise funds, motion to try at the one time trial of the 50-50 drawing by Wen Chyi Chiu and amended motion by Rita Marko to waive revenue sharing by PSC for 50-50 drawing seconded by Mike Rakowsky as amended, all passed.

Economic Relations: Lin Ling Lee reported on Phoenix and Taipei direct flights; discussed about direct flights during Mayor Stanton visit to Taipei with EVA Airlines, followed up by Lin Ling Lee in December 2018 with Taiwan Congressman Wang, China Airlines is government owned. Mayor Stanton wants this to happen, first Asian flights with Phoenix; Taiwan Congressman more info on Phoenix Sky Harbor and Terminal 4 and suggested small group to visit Taiwan and connect to key person; Rita Marko said that she spoke to Phoenix Aviation Debra did not see interest by EVA or China Airlines, must have Taiwan get China Airlines to express interest to Phoenix. Lin Ling Lee will follow up with Taiwan Congressman again.

Phoenix Taipei Sister Cities Events: Lin Ling Lee reported on the 8 Taiwan Art Exhibitions this year at Phoenix City Hall, and Arizona Capitol Museum; exhibitions sponsored by Lin Ling Lee and Wen Chyi Chiu.

- February 26 to March 9 at Phoenix City Hall Taiwan Young Artists Photography Exhibition.
- March 19 to 31 at AZ Capitol Museum Taipei, Taiwan Young Artists Photography Exhibition.
- Taiwan Artist Jack Liang Art Exhibition at Arizona Capitol Museum from March 1 to 18.
- March 19-30 Phoenix City Hall Taipei Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition by Taipei Young Artists.
- Art Exhibitions by Taiwan Artist Erica Yu Oil Paintings at Arizona Capitol Museum from April 1-8.
- Art exhibition by Taiwan Artist Erica Yu Oil Paintings at Phoenix City Hall from April 9-20.

- 5 Taiwan Artists Exhibition at AZ Capitol Museum April 9-30.
- September Year of Dogs Art Exhibitions.
- October Taiwan Art Exhibitions honor Double Ten celebration.

Taiwan Culture Performing Group: Lin Ling Lee suggest to be in Phoenix, originally they wanted at Scottsdale, Chandler, Tucson; hotel, meals, transportations, shopping for revenue to Phoenix; Lin Ling Lee found location for same location of Taipei Summer Camp, Herrera School Performing Arts Center for the Taiwan Culture location; PSC provide insurance; fundraising to sell tickets 100-200; tickets printed; 50-50 proceeds to PSC and Taipei Camp; PSC 50% proceeds 75% to Taipei Committee and 25% to PSC; check with school for 50-50 drawing; \$10 tickets; Lin Ling Lee made motion Taipei Committee recommend to PSC Executive Committee May 18 to PSC Master Calendar, Mike Rakowsky seconded, all passed unanimously.

Taipei Education Department: Lin Ling Lee reported that 20 member delegation led by Taipei Education Department will visit Phoenix for STEM/STEAM, global sister schools relationships and exchanges, and celebrate 39 years of Phoenix and Taipei Sister Cities relationship; February 24 to March 4; they are responsible for their own airfare, hotel rooms, meals, transportation, and shoppings; bring \$100,000 businesses to Phoenix; went over itinerary; MIM and Desert Botanical Garden host by PSC and Suns from Chairman Ralph Marchetta.

Youth Ambassadors: Rita Marko reported 55 applications, 40 interviewed, selected by Saturday afternoon, February 23 announcement; April 15 academy session; graduation May 14.

Mayor's International Gala: Rita Marko reported that Ennis is featured on Aril 26 at the Van Buren 5th Ave and Van Buren; location is adoptive usage; heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Mandarin Text Books Presentation: 200 brand new Mandarin textbooks were presented to Phoenix Mesquite Library by Lin Ling Lee with Councilwoman Debra Stark, Rita Hamilton and Tom Gemberling for foreign language collection at library.

Taipei Trip December: Lin Ling Lee reported on the Taipei trip; two weeks trip; led education delegation of blue ribbon sister school with Taipei Saint Francis School; Greeted and welcomed by Taipei Mayor Ko; Taipei City Council; Taipei Education Department Commissioner Tseng; Taipei Fire Department Commissioner Wu and EOC. The trip was very successful.

FY 18-19 Events/Budgets: July 1 to June 30 is the fiscal year; turn in events/budgets next month to Rick in March 2018. Chair Sadie said she will submit her events, such as Chinese Week Booth and Banquet and Lin Ling Lee will submit events, such as Taipei Camp, Taiwan Delegations Visit and Taipei Performances and Taiwan Art Exhibitions. Lin Ling Lee also suggested that to celebrate 40th anniversary trip to Taipei in 2019 must includes in the plan as well.

Announcements:

Phoenix Sister Cities Events:

- **2018 Phoenix Chinese Week Banquet and Booth:** Raffle basket at Taipei booth; Taipei Dragon Boat to be displayed at event by Danny and Barbara Young; Chair Sadie briefed that the Taipei Committee will have a booth at the Chinese Week Festival. Some items will be sold and possibly there will be a basket to raffle. There will be dragon head prints for the children to color. Mike Rakowsky will teach the children a few words in Mandarin. There will be brochures of Taipei to be passed out to the visitors. Lin Ling Lee offered Taipei Committee a fundraising opportunity, a friend of hers has new boxes of ladies shoes included denim shoes that sell at stores, Taipei Committee can sell at the booth for fundraising, only give \$2 back to her friend per shoe sold, but the committee can sell at any amount they wish, but Chair Sadie Wright declined this offer for fundraising due to a lack of volunteers staffing the booth.

- **Skate It Forward:** Event at CityScape; Taipei did not have a booth; \$2100 raised, each committee that had a booth and attended, shared \$177 each in the amount raised.
- **Lights of the World;** great event
- **Chengdu Delegation Trip:** March 17-28 2018; Vice Mayor Pastor leading delegation
- **Matsuri Festival of Japan:** February 24-25 at Heritage Square
- **Evening in Prague:** March 17

Special Announcement: Hualien, Taiwan had an earthquake, post on social media regarding donation

Call to the Public: None

Social Media: Follow Phoenix Sister Cities on social media including: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Youtube. Send items that need to be posted to intern. Please “like” on Facebook.

In-Kind Volunteer Hours on Sign Up Sheet: Everyone is reminded to include in-kind volunteer hours and contributions on the sign-up sheet given to Rick Gerrard.

Adjournment: Chair Sadie Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm, the first motion is given by Mike Rakowsky and the second motion is given by Wen Chyi Chiu, and all passed. Lin Ling Lee presented Taiwan calendars to members. Chair Sadie Wright and Greg Wright hosted dinner.

Minutes Prepared by: Secretary Wen Shuenn Chiu