

## **Grenoble Committee Meeting Minutes 3/1/18**

**Attendees:** Claude Bobin, Jessica Romero, Kristine Romero, Lucretia Torva, Janine Bobin, Emma Elsbecker, David Elsbecker, Courtney Danks, Kaley Danks, Rick Gerrard

**Excused:** Jeremy Boillot

### **Item 1: Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Claude Bobin at 5:12 pm.

### **Item 2: Welcome and Introduction of New Guests and Members**

2018 Youth Ambassadors introduce themselves in Item 6.

### **Item 3: Approval of Minutes**

Janine Bobin motions to approve meeting minutes from 2/1/18, with second by Lucretia Torva.

### **Item 4: Financial Report**

\$3,884.18 in Funds Available as of 1/31/18.

### **Item 5: Volunteer Ethics Form**

No discussion.

### **Item 6: Cultural and Arts Events**

- Claude Bobin reports the Grenoble Committee projects for the last four years, a list of which can be found on page 3.
- Visions of Grenoble will be held May 24th.
- Eric Recoura has invited Claude and Janine Bobin to Grenoble in June to see the photography from Phoenix, but they are unable to go. The date is tentative and dependent on the possible visits of those from Phoenix.
- Professor Pagano from ASU has reported that the music exchange is still a work in progress.
- Janine Bobin has been sent more information regarding the French movie night, which the owner of the Filmbar hopes to make a regular event of a movie and wine night. The Grenoble Committee will make money off of this event. Because this event is new, Rick Gerrard will need to take the idea to committee to get it on the calendar.
- New Youth Ambassadors Jessica and Emma introduce themselves, as well as their parents.

### **Item 7: Economic Development and Internship Program**

Internship interviews for Niagara Bottling has provided one individual who seems to fit the job very well. Claude Bobin spoke with Sam of the board about the next step, which requires the candidate to apply online.

### **Item 8: French Immersion Program**

Rick Gerrard will be in contact with Natalie about the French Immersion Program as well as Oliver Ngo, who is in charge of education in Los Angeles.

**Item 9: Disability Program**

The Writer's Competition information has gone out to all Sister Cities, and the Art Competition information will be sent out soon.

**Item 10: Social Media Needs**

Janine Bobin has received information on the University of Grenoble Alpes immersion program from Alliance Francaise. The event will soon be promoted through the Phoenix Sister Cities website.

**Item 11: FY 18-19 Events, Activities, and Budgets**

All committees must send a list of future events to Rick Gerrard by March.

**Item 12: PSC Announcements**

- Chengdu Delegation Visit (March 17-28). Room is still available for one or two.
- A classical violinist and his classical pianist daughter will be performing Czech pieces at the Evening in Prague at Memorial Hall (March 17). A lecture will be given by an architect who grew up in Prague about city's architecture. Czech pastries will be served in the intermission.
- The Mayor's International will be held at the Van Buren from 6:00-8:30 with food stations for attendees to mingle. There will also be live entertainment, with raffle tickets and door prizes. (April 26)

**Item 13: Call to the Public**

No discussion.

**Item 14: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned by Chair Claud Bobin at 6:07 pm.

## **Grenoble Committee Projects and Achievements 2014-2018 (Non-Exhaustive)**

### **Cultural:**

- AZ Opera French event: "La Fille du Regiment"
- Cinema Paradis: French Movie Week / Filmbar
- Jazz: Fête de la Musique / Nash Jazz Club
- Beaujolais Nouveau with Zazu French Jazz Band / Paradise Valley (five times)
- French-Italian Wine Tasting Contest / Marshall Gallery (two times)
- Through Each Others' Eyes: Photographer exchange and exhibitions at Shamer and in Grenoble
- YAEP: Youth Ambassador Exchange Program (four times)
- Exploratory Projects:
  - Outdoor Wall Murals with painters/artists exchange
  - ASU School of Music and Grenoble School of Music / Celebration of 100 years of Debussy with Professor Pagano

### **Academic:**

- University Exchanges:
  - ASU and University of Grenoble / Study Abroad Partnership / MOU renewal during the 25th Anniversary / Presently two ASU students are in Grenoble for six months
- High School Exchanges:
  - Central High School and Lycee Argouges / 15 days in Phoenix for French Students and 15 days in Grenoble for American students. 2017-2018 currently in progress (two times)
- K1 to K12 Bilingual Immersion Program: Currently working on one project.

### **Economic:**

- Economic Ambassador / Internship Program in Grenoble (two internships)
- Economic Ambassador / Internship Program in Phoenix in process (one internship)
- Mission: Promote Arizona and attract French companies creating jobs locally (CES 2017 Las Vegas for French startups)

### **25th Phoenix-Grenoble Anniversary:**

Organize a 5-day Event/Tour for a ten-person delegation from Grenoble including a peak event with the Phoenix Mayor at Talking Stick Arena with multiple speakers, ISA student dances, music, singers, Connection Skype with Grenoble, Political and university meetings, economic incubators meeting. . .

### **Trips to Grenoble for Disability Committee:**

Four speakers were sent to Grenoble for the European Accessibility Convention lead by Janine Bobin.

### **Grenoble Fundraising:**

- Four years ago, the PSC Grenoble Committee account totaled just \$50, today the account is credited with nearly \$4,000.
- 25th Anniversary fundraising = \$3,000, which was used during the Anniversary events.
- Disability trip to Grenoble = \$5,000 (French dinner, PSC Workshop, etc.), which was used to pay for the flight tickets of the participants