

**Phoenix Sister Cities Commission
Taipei Sister Cities Committee**

March 8, 2018

1318 East Captain Dreyfus Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85022

Attendance:

Lin Ling Lee, Senior Advisor
Sadie Wright, Chair
Wen Chyi Chiu, Vice Chair
Wen Shuenn Chiu, Secretary
Rick Gerrard, Staff, Vice President of Phoenix Sister Cities
TC Chiu, Member
Kennedy Verse, 2018 Taipei Youth Ambassador
Tonya Versa, Parent
Isabela Evans 2018 Taipei Youth Ambassador
Helenmarie Slater, Parent
Emma Salazar, 2018 Taipei Youth Ambassador
Diane Salazar, Parent
Hans Han, Guest
Mike Rakowsky, Hermosillo Member

Call to Order: The meeting to order by Chair Sadie Wright at 5:05 pm.

Introduction of Guests: 2018 Taipei Youth Ambassadors and Parents and Hans Han from Mainland China.

Approval of Minutes: The Taipei Committee February 8, 2018 meeting minutes was read; the first motion to approve the minutes was given by Wen Chyi Chiu and the second motion was given by Lin Ling Lee, and the minutes of February 8, 2018 were passed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$521.84 as of January 31, 2018

Taiwan Business Seminar: Chair Sadie Wright said the business seminar event with emphasis on Double Tenth, possible location is Wyndam Garden Phoenix Midtown; Rick Gerrard will work on locations and compare prices, such as Marriott Downtown; date of event is September 27, 2018; Chair Sadie briefed that a venue was being researched for this event which is the Wyndam Garden Phoenix Midtown. She also briefed that the venue needs to be secured before the other plans for the event can go forward.

Economic Relations: Rick Gerrard reported on the 2018 Global Links Business Luncheon, October 11 at Arizona Biltmore; women in business topic with featured speakers; Lin Ling Lee reported on direct flights between Phoenix and Taipei; more details on Terminal 4 needed; China Airlines; Lin Ling Lee reported that a Mandarin TV station in Phoenix investment possibility; connect with ASU Cronkite Journalism

Taipei Education Department Visit to Phoenix: Led by Chief Chen, February 24 to March 3, celebrate 39 year of Phoenix and Taipei Sister Cities relationship; expand STEAM programs, establish global sister schools; exhibited award winning photos for exhibition from February 26 to March 9; Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by Vice Mayor Laura Pastor and Councilwoman Debra Stark at Phoenix City Hall on February 28; visited US National Blue Ribbon School Seton School; Phoenix School District #1 Lowell School, met with Councilwoman Thelda Williams; visited Madison Park, Madison Meadows and Madison Highland; met with Arizona Superintendent Diane Douglas, Senators Kate Brophy McGee and Warren Peterson; Arizona Senate President Pro Tempore John Kavanagh led Opening Ceremony at Arizona Capitol Museum; Taipei Education Delegation Group also attended Superintendents Meeting at Phoenix City Hall by Rita Marko; enjoyed Suns Games; toured MIM, Science Museum, Desert Botanical Garden; Phoenix Art Museum; had lots of shopping in Phoenix, the transportations and hotels are all in Phoenix. Welcome Party and Lantern Festival Banquet both were hosted with gifts by Lin Ling Lee. Delegation visit brought in over \$100,000 business to Phoenix.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week: May 18; Herrera Performing Arts Center; Taiwan performance; 6:30 pm.

Youth Ambassadors: Wen Chyi Chiu welcomed the three new youth ambassadors to Taipei Committee; orientation sessions every meeting; academy session with packets; Welcome Party by Lin Ling Lee at residence and Global Friendship Event by Taipei Sister Cities at Phoenix City Hall; Lin Ling Lee will sponsor and provide calligraphy names, culture activities; custom medals and snacks for all global ambassadors; Orientation 1: Mandarin names in Chinese calligraphy, currency exchanges, and general customs.

Mayor's International Event: Feature Ennis, Ireland; The Van Buren, entertainment venue; casual social; food stations; Irish pub; \$100 for 6; \$20 for 1 for raffle tickets; everyone get emerald, but one is real and will have drawing to determine winner for real emerald; no formal reception; April 26; \$150 per person; Mayor's Global Citizen Award for Dr. Michael Crow of ASU

Phoenix Taipei Sister Cities Art Exhibitions: Lin Ling Lee reported on the 10 Taiwan Art Exhibitions in 2018 at Phoenix City Hall, and Arizona Capitol Museum; 10 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 1 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting led by Arizona Senate President Pro Tempore John Kavanagh
- March 19-30 Phoenix City Hall Taipei Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Exhibition by Taipei Young Artists.
- Art Exhibitions by Taiwan Artist Erica Yu Wang Oil Paintings at Arizona Capitol Museum from April 1-8.
- Art exhibition by Taiwan Artist Erica Yu Wang Oil Paintings at Phoenix City Hall from April 9-20.
- Art Exhibition by Taipei Young Artists' Chinese paintings and Calligraphies at Arizona Capitol Museum April 9-16
- Jane Liu and Others Taiwan Artists Exhibition at AZ Capitol Museum April 17-30.
- September Year of Dog Art Exhibitions.
- October Taiwan Art Exhibitions honor Double Ten celebration.

Taipei Outreaches: World Thinking Event Girl Scouts; Madison Simis World Event; ASU International Event; calligraphy and hands on culture activities for all attendants.

FY 18-19 Events/Budgets: July 1 to June 30 is the fiscal year; turn in events/budgets next month to Rick in March 16, 2018. Chair Sadie said she will submit her events, such as Chinese Week Booth and Banquet and Taiwan Business Seminar, and Lin Ling Lee will submit events, such as Taipei Camp, Taiwan Delegations Visit, Taipei Performances, and Taiwan Art Exhibitions. Lin Ling Lee and Wen Chyi Chiu also suggested that to celebrate 40th anniversary trip to Taipei in 2019 and Rick Gerrard will work on this for March to May 2019.

Announcements:

Phoenix Sister Cities Events:

- **2018 Phoenix Chinese Week Chengdu Year Banquet and Booth:** Taipei Committee had booth February 16-18 at Margaret Hance Park and attended banquet; Mayor Stanton attended; dragon head coloring sheets; Taipei Dragon Boat display by Danny and Barbara Young; raffle basket by Chair Sadie; Chair Sadie reported that the Taipei Committee Booth at the Chinese New Year Festival held at Margaret T. Hance Park in Phoenix AZ on February 16, 17, and 18 at the Margaret T. Hance Park was a totally awesome weekend. Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton visited the Taipei booth. The children that visited the Taipei booth loved the Dragon Mask and they colored them at the booth. A Beautiful gift basket was assembled and donated by Chair Sadie and some small novelty items were sold \$190.00 was made. Chair Sadie reported that On 24 February 2018 her and her husband Greg attended the Chinese New Year Banquet held at the Great Wall

Restaurant located in Phoenix, AZ. She reported that the banquet was very beautiful and that her and Greg had an opportunity to sit and visit with long time friends.

- **Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Fair:** March 17; Ennis, Ireland has booth
- **Chengdu Delegation Trip:** March 17-28 2018; Vice Mayor Pastor leading delegation; 30th Anniversary; 4 nights at Chengdu; dinners; panda visit; sightseeing; Hong Kong 3 nights
- **Evening in Prague:** March 17, Indian School Park Memorial Hall, 7 pm; \$30
- **Mayor's International 2018 Evening of Ennis, Ireland:** April 26, 2018, The Van Buren, 6-8:30 pm, \$150 per person

Community Events:

- **Chinese Chamber of Commerce Banquet:** April 7
- **Taiwan Performance:** May 18 at 6:30 pm at Herrera performing Arts Center

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 6:02 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 hosted Taiwanese cuisines buffet and ham for members; Sadie also brought ham and scalloped potatoes; Mike brought dessert; Youth Parent brought chocolates.

Minutes Prepared by: Secretary Wen Shuenn Chiu