

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

April 12, 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
Emma Salazar, 2018 Taipei Youth Ambassador
Diane Salazar, Parent
Mike Rakowsky, Hermosillo Member

Call to Order: The meeting call to order by Chair Sadie Wright at 5:02 pm.

Introduction of Guests: None

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

Treasurer's Report: \$711.84 as of February 28, 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 said that Wyndham Hotel is around \$958.07; waived room rental and bar set up fee waived; free parking; September 20 and September 27, 2018 dates holding; still waiting on Marriot quote; TECO will suggest speaker that is already in United States; suggested \$25 to charge attendance per person; 40 people to break even; Chair Sadie Wright said that sponsors and in-kind donations will be needed; Lin Ling Lee will find sponsors for the event. Rick Gerrard will also target sponsors. Chair Sadie Wright requested that raffle basket or items donated for the basket. Chair Sadie Wright stated that she did not believe it would be possible for the Taipei Business Seminar and Double Ten Mixer event to happen without some sponsors and that Rick Gerrard and Sadie Wright were going to try to get an appointment in the later part of May with the Wyndam hotel located at 2nd Avenue and Osborne in Phoenix, to get all of the details pertaining to holding this event there.

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 she is working on business investments from Taipei; direct flights with Taipei and Phoenix; working with Taiwan Congressman on the direct flights; more information on airport is needed; suggested delegation visit to Taipei to work on aviation.

2018 Taipei Culture Summer Camp: June 25-29; 9 pm to 3 pm; Herrera School; Taipei send teachers and there are local teachers as well; Taipei folk sports; folk dance; Taiwanese pastry; lion and dragon dance; Taiwanese cuisine, folk arts and crafts, calligraphy and paintings, wisdom games, and more; encourage youth ambassadors to attend if they are not traveling to Taipei to experience Taiwanese culture; graduation ceremony on June 29.

Taiwanese American Heritage Week 2018: May 18; Herrera Performing Arts Center; Taiwan Performance; 6:30 pm; tickets are available at \$10 for general seating. Lin Ling Lee encouraged everyone to attend.

2018 Youth Ambassadors: Taipei Committee has youth ambassadors' orientation sessions every meeting; Taipei, Taiwan packets for academy session given to youth ambassadors; video of Taipei, Taiwan shown to youth

ambassadors and parents; Welcome Party will host by Lin Ling Lee at residence for Taipei Youth Ambassadors and Global Friendship Event will host by Lin Ling Lee for 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 for the Global Friendship Event; Orientation 2: Taipei, Taiwan packet and Taipei, Taiwan video. Newspapers on the youth ambassador announcement are given to youth ambassadors.

Mayor's International Event: Feature Ennis, Ireland; The Van Buren, entertainment venue; casual social; Irish pub; \$100 for 6; \$20 for 1 for raffle tickets; April 26; \$150 per person; Mayor's Global Citizen Award for Dr. Michael Crow of ASU. Food stations featuring Irish food; cod fish, sausages; fried potatoes; Sheppard's pie, etc; Irish pub motif; networking and social; Irish entertainment; giving away 2 emeralds 1 carat each; 15 member delegation from Ennis to travel to Phoenix.

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 of Taipei Zhong-zheng School
- 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. Grand Opening Ceremony on April 11 at Phoenix City Hall.
- Art Exhibition by Taipei Young Artists' Chinese paintings and Calligraphies at Arizona Capitol Museum April 9-16.
- Jane Liu and Chi-Chun Ku 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: Mid-Western University event; calligraphy and hands on culture activities for all attendants.

Taipei Sister Cities Committee Election:

- Chair: Sadie Wright, first motion and nominated by Lin Ling Lee for Chair Sadie's third year term, seconded by Mike Rakowsky and all passed.
- Vice Chair: Wen Chyi Chiu, first motion by Lin Ling Lee, seconded by Diane Salazar and all passed.
- Secretary: Wen Shuenn Chiu, first motion by Mike Rakowsky, seconded by Wen Chyi Chiu, and all passed.
- Same slate of officers nominated and elected.

40th Anniversary Delegation Visit: Rick Gerrard said that it will possible be late October 2019 due to new mayor for Phoenix and mayoral election in Taipei.

Announcements:

Phoenix Sister Cities Events:

- **Chengdu Delegation Trip:** Rick Gerrard reported wonderful trip; Chengdu visit; Southern part of China; Hong Kong; Mike Rakowsky took his grandson to the trip and used a lot of Mandarin

- **Mayor’s International 2018 Evening of Ennis, Ireland:** April 26, 2018, The Van Buren, 6-8:30 pm, \$150 per person
- **Grenoble Committee French Alternative Film and Wine Tasting:** April 23; May 31 and June 28; Wine Tasting: 6:30 pm; screening: 7:30 pm; \$15 per person; at Film Bar
- **Disability Awareness Writers with Disabilities:** Theme is Transformation Towards an Inclusive Society; Rick Gerrard send information to Taipei already;
- **Chengdu Committee Chinese Dumplings and Beer:** Fundraiser; May 24 at 5:30 pm at Dragon Palace; \$25 for members; \$30 non-members

Community Events:

- **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 6:03 pm, the first motion is given by Mike Rakowsky and the second motion is given by Lin Ling Lee, and all passed. After the meeting everyone enjoyed food and social. Lin Ling Lee hosted Taiwanese cuisines buffet and ham dinner with beers for members; Sadie also brought lasagna; Mike brought dessert.

Minutes Prepared by: Secretary Wen Shuenn Chiu