

Minutes: Phoenix Sister Cities  
Catania Committee Meeting  
April 19, 2018

1. Call to Order: 5:33
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mike Kennedy, Gianna Giorgio, Andy Trotti, Charlotte Morrissey, Louisa Monti (YAEP) Lauren Hogue, DawnRae Hutchison, Nick Karler, Nick Park (YAEP)
3. **Approval of March 15 minutes:** Amended based on inputs—Gianna Giorgio moved to approve, Andy Trotti seconded. Approved.
4. **YAEP:** Discussed Sunday Information Session where our Committee gave information about Catania and answered questions. Mike Kennedy discussed the parents' panel, during which parents discussed ways to help make the experience better. We don't have the YAEP Phoenix schedules yet, but expect they will be here around July 9<sup>th</sup>—July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Myth or Legend Presentations:** All three presentations were excellent!

- **Louisa Monti** gave a presentation about the elephant as the Catania symbol. The name of the elephant is Eliodoro—a would-be bishop turned into a wizard.
- **Nick Park** gave a presentation about the myths surrounding Mt. Etna involving Gaia, Zeus, and the monster Typhun.
- **Lauren Hogue** gave a presentation about Homer's Odyssey. When Odysseus and his men were shipwrecked on Sicily the Greeks offended a Cyclops who captured them. Odysseus used his wits to stop from being eaten.

Andy Trotti offered the assistance of Luigi Rippino who might be able to offer the YAEPs one free session of Italian language to get them through the airport and handle basic conversation.

5. **Financial Report:** Balance is \$3,782.42 (Feb./March Financial Reports approved).
6. **FY 18-19 Events**
  - a. The Giro is set for next year on January 26<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Wine event submitted for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. An "All-City" Event may replace it. Created a Sub-Committee on "Libations of the World." Nick Karler to follow-up.
  - c. San Gennaro—in placeholder spot (TBD)
7. **Italian Festival Follow-Up**
  - a. Mike Kennedy expressed thanks to all who manned booth.
  - b. Mike Kennedy received the hats for the booth from Enrico Orsini. Micky Roa is the person from the Italian Festival who prevented us from selling

the hats this year, unless we paid \$700 for the booth. If we contact Micky Roa (or Roland, or Pete Cezone) early next year we may be able to request a suggested *donation* for the hats.

**8. Upcoming Sister Cities Events**

Grenoble French Film Festival & Wine Tasting  
Int'l Competition for Writers with Disabilities (Due Date: Unclear)  
Mayors International: Next Thursday (Attendees: Gianna Giorgio, Mike Kennedy, and Wendy Rozov)  
Chengdu Dumplings and Beer: May 24<sup>th</sup>

**9. Nomination of Committee Chair for FY 18-19**

Group nominated Mike Kennedy as Chair. Gianna moved, Charlotte seconded. Approved

**10. Election of Officers:**

Wendy—Elected Treasurer for Calendar Year FY 18-19. Mike Kennedy moved, Charlotte Morrissey seconded. Approved  
Gianna Giorgio was elected for Vice Chair for FY 18-19. Charlotte Morrissey moved, Nick Park seconded. Committee approved.  
Charlotte Morrissey was elected for Secretary for FY 18-19. Mike Kennedy moved, Gianna Giorgio seconded. Committee approved.

**11. Call to the public**

- a. Pompeii Exhibit: Until May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Last Weds will be a lecture after hours.
- b. Italian Film Festival: Ap 20—27
- c. Other events were announced by Gianna Giorgio
- d. Next meeting will be the third Thursday of May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Italian Club
- e. Short meeting in July, but will host the YAEP that evening, pending Bethany's calendar.

**12. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm