

November 2, 2017 Grenoble Committee Minutes

Attendees: Janine Bobin, Claude Bobin, Jeremy Boillot, Rick Gerrard, Micah McCreary, Alessia Meri, Kaley Danks

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Claude Bobin at 5:15.

Item 2: Micah McCreary and Alessia Meri introduce themselves. (5:16)

Item 3: Janine motions to approve October 5th, 2017 minutes, second by Jeremy Boillot, approved unanimously. (5:16)

Item 4: \$2774.71 in account as of October 10th, 2017. (5:17)

Item 5: Janine leads a discussion about the upcoming Beaujolais Nouveau which will take place Saturday, November 18th. Janine and Claude have visited the venue for the event. It will have adequate space for outside entertainment, a bar inside, as well as a covered space for the catered buffet. There will be a silent auction and raffle baskets in the garden. The same bartender and band from last year will be used this year, with Brandon on photography. The brochures have been printed for free, as well as no need to pay for security or the valet parking. Total Wine has offered a 30 percent discount on wine for the event, but Janine will check with other stores before deciding where to buy. This year, the event will start at 5:30 and go until 8:00 PM. At the end of the evening, each guest will receive two macarons. (5:18)

Item 6: Rick and Jeremy report on the internship with Niagara Bottling, as well as the possibility of it being a paid internship. It will be between six months and one year, and the intern must have adequate English skills. Grenoble is especially being considered because of the work the committee has already done in economic development. Rick will arrange a meeting with the bottling company to discuss further details. (5:49)

Item 7: Rick and Claude met with Natalie Gerity, a mother of children at Arizona Language Preparatory, to discuss the possibility of adding French to the charter school's Immersion Program. With the addition of French, the school is hoping to increase enrollment from 80 children to 100 or 120. Claude is to meet with the Consulate to discuss further.

The inbound exchange between Central High School and a high school in Grenoble will take place in February (Americans will go in the springtime). Because there is a want to bring 20 students from Grenoble, the need to add another school in Phoenix to the exchange was discussed. Rick will inquire with Mountain Pointe High School, Brophy, as well as Arcadia to see if any are interested in hosting.
(5:54)

Item 8: Rick reports on the International Competition of Artists with Disabilities, which will take place at the FOUND:RE Hotel on Friday, November 3rd.

The Holiday Teddy Bear Event was also discussed. A donation is tax-deductible. Committees will take donations.

(6:08)

Item 9: No social media needs present at this time. (6:12)

Item 10: Rick gives a debrief on the State Fair WorldFEST event. Each committee did very well and all 250 passports were given away. Though not much revenue or membership to Sister Cities was gained, a new demographic was reached through this event. Participation in this event next year is tentative. (6:14)

Item 11: Rick reports on various Sister Cities Events:

The Phoenix Sister Cities 5k on Saturday the 4th has been cancelled due to low registration.

The Lights of the World event will take place between November 16th and January 2nd at the Arizona State Fair Grounds. This event has the potential to raise money for each committee, if those who buy tickets online use a committee-specific code.

The Hermosillo Outbound Tourism Delegation trip that will take place on the 6th of December is to promote tourism to the sister city of Hermosillo. It will cost around \$700 for single-occupancy, with all meals, tips, and activities, and transportation included. The itinerary includes two baseball games, authentic dining experiences, a beach day, as well as service efforts.

On Wednesday, December 13th, Phoenix Sister Cities will participate in a mini WorldFEST next to the rink at Skate Forward at CityScape. Five dollars from each ticket purchase will be put into a pool for all committees to split. Each committee will be given a 10x10 space and is allowed to conduct basket raffles.

Rick also reports on the official Delegation Trip to Chengdu, South China, and Hong Kong.

(6:16)

Item 12: No discussion.

Item 13: Claude adjourns the meeting at 6:36 PM.