

## **December 7, 2017 Grenoble Committee Minutes**

**Attendees:** Claude Bobin, Janine Bobin, Rick Gerrard, Elaine Phelps, Kaley Danks

Item 1: Meeting called to order by Claude Bobin at 5:20 pm

Item 2: new guest Elaine Phelps.

Item 3: Janine Bobin motions to approve November 2nd, 2017, minutes, second by Claude Bobin.

Item 4: \$2,503.15 in account as of October 31st, 2017.

Item 5: Janine reports the success of the Beaujolais Nouveau, which took place November 18th. It was a wonderful night and guests had a great time.

Janine also reports the possible event with the Phoenix Suns, who have a French player on their team. The Suns are interested in hosting a French Night with a Q&A to take place. However, the event seems to be unorganized and Grenoble Committee will most likely not pursue.

On February 15th, 2018, a hockey game between the Phoenix and Quebec teams will take place. Janine has been reached out to about the participation of Sister Cities in this event, as well as the possibility of establishing a Sister Cities relationship with Quebec. The event seems to be very organized and seeking action, and with recent events such as the new direct flight from Phoenix to Montreal, it seems that now is an opportune time to explore the possibility of this relationship. (5:20)

Item 6: Claude speaks about the future internship for a robotics engineer at Niagara Bottling. Claude sent information to Grenoble, which boasts six engineering schools, but has received no feedback. He is hoping to hear from them by the end of December.

Claude also discusses the CES show happening in Las Vegas January 9-12, 2018. 40 startup companies from Grenoble will be attending. Sharon, who will organize brochures, contacted Claude to tell him about this opportunity. There is a want to create a CES show in Phoenix (featuring Phoenix Sister Cities), but it will need a sponsor. Claude agrees to talk to Ralph further on the subject. (5:33)

Item 7: The International Preparatory Academy, located in North Phoenix, is looking to expand its language program by adding French. Grants are a possibility for applicants who wish to participate in the future program. There will be a tour taken at the school later with Natalie and Ngo during the day, with more information to come. (5:45)

Item 8: No discussion.

Item 9: Janine has received the pictures from the Beaujolais Nouveau, which need to be formatted onto a slideshow. Once completed, the slideshow will be posted on the Grenoble web page and Facebook. (5:50)

Item 10: Rick discussed future PSC events, including the Skate Forward event at Cityscape and the Chengdu delegation trip. The trip is to celebrate the 30 year relationship between Phoenix and Chengdu, and will take place March 17-28, 2018. Multiple packages are available. Rick also mentions the Scavenger Hunt on January 27, 2017, hosted by the Catania Committee. It is a fun event when participants solve puzzles to win prizes, and the entry price includes lunch. (5:52).

Item 11: No discussion.

Item 12: Meeting adjourned at 6:03 by Claude Bobin.