



**PHOENIX SISTER CITIES
ENNIS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

March 21, 2018

Half Moon Sports Grill | 2121 E. Highland Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Committee Members Present

Mary Hill-Connor, Chair
Claire Haines, Vice Chair
Annemarie Belter, YAEP Liaison
Veronica Castro, Member
Alicia Jimenez, Member & YA Alum
Ruth Wilson, Member
Bob Crossley, Member
Robert Drapeau, Member/ Parent
Olivia Drapeau, Member & YA
Sophie Harris, Member & YA
Trevi Grant, Member / Parent
Elise Treon, Member & YA
Dan Treon, Member / Parent

Committee Members Absent

Ruth Wilson, Member
Bob Crossley, Member
Hayley Ramirez, Member
Kiana Guarino, Member
Rich Guarino, Member
Cameron Gardner, Member

Staff Present

Rita Marko, President, Phoenix Sister Cities

Public

N/A

Item 1 – Call to Order & Introductions

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Claire Haines motioned and Robert Drapeau seconded and all approved the March 2018 minutes.

Item 3 – Treasurer’s Report (Mary Hill-Connor)

Mary reviewed the finances. Currently at \$4127.40. \$2500 committed to delegation visit and PSC will be matching from general fund. Leaves about \$1600.

Item 4 – YAEP Update (Annemarie Belter)

Annemarie discussed the Academy Session II where all the cities and chairs were there to present to the cohorts and their families. New to this year was a round robin of the cities where each cohort got to sit with each city for about 5 minutes to learn something about that city.

Coming soon is the YAEP graduation on May 14.

Youth Ambassadors are to present their Myths & Legends at the next committee meeting.

Item 5 – Guest Speaker

Ruth Wilson, Puppeteer, offered some great insight into the world of puppeteering and her background and experiences.

Item 6 – Committee Events (Mary Hill Connor)

- 1) Election for new committee seats. Need to nominate a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.
 - Chairs are nominated by the committee; will need to attend monthly board meetings and 3 chair meetings a year.
 - Vice Chair covers meetings, etc for the Chair as needed.
 - Secretary takes notes at the committee meetings
 - Treasurer is in charge of managing the finances for the committee
 - Youth Ambassador Liaison works with the Director of the Youth Ambassador program and attends certain Youth Ambassador events and then provides updates to the committee.

Discussion for new committee seats has been tabled until May.

- 2) Mayor's International Evening on Thursday, April 26 – 30 years twinning with Ennis. To be held at the Van Buren. Pub style set up. No banquet tables. Silent Auction, drawing and Emerald giveaway. Tickets for committee members. Committee will pay 50% of ticket costs for committee members. Motioned expenditure not to exceed \$750 in committee funds to match individual purchase of tickets. Trevi Grant motioned; Claire Haines seconded; committee approved.

- 3) Ennis delegation visit. April 21 – 28. Renting a 15 passenger van. Will need drivers for:

April 23 – City of Phoenix and MIHS.

April 24 – Hope Six Housing and Arizona Tourism office

April 25 – they are going to the Grand Canyon.

April 26 – Hacienda Long Term Care and then Gala

April 27 – shopping all day Desert Ridge & then reception at Widener residence.

Item 7 – Phoenix Sister Cities Update

Rita Marko discuss the upcoming Beer & Dumplings event hosted by the Chengdu committee on May 24. Tickets are available on the Phoenix Sister Cities website.

Taipei committee hosting a Taiwan Cultural Performing Group on May18 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission. See Rita for tickets.

Disability Awareness Committee Annual Writers Competition

Grenoble French Alternative Film Festival – April 23, May 31 and June 26

Visions of Grenoble Art Exhibition – April 19

Item 10 – Adjournment (Mary Hill Connor)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Next meeting to be held May 16 at 6pm.