



**PHOENIX SISTER CITIES
ENNIS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 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
Hayley Ramirez, Member & YA

Committee Members Absent

Veronica Castro, Member
Alicia Jimenez, Member & YA
Deanna Ramirez, Member
Kiana Guarino, Member & YA
Rich Guarino, Member
Cameron Gardner, Member

Staff Present

Rita Marko, City of Phoenix

Public

N/A

Item 1 – Call to Order & Introductions

Mary called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Item 2 – Approval of August & September Meeting Minutes

Haley Ramirez motioned and Claire Haines seconded for the approval of the November minutes.

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

Mary reviewed finances. Oct - \$4222.62; Nov - \$3937.62 (Check for \$300.00 dues Connor)

Item 4 – YAEP Update (Annemarie Belter & Rita Marko)

Application closed January 12 – there were 56 applications received (at least one from each district).

Item 5 – Wilson School District

Mary reached out to school and was going to meet with contact. Trying to set up pen pal and presentation for class.

Item 6 – Mayor’s Gala & 30th Anniversary with Ennis (Mary Hill Connor)

For sure there will be 10 coming for the Ennis delegation for the Gala. They are set to stay at the Foundry.

Mary asked Rita about the budget and Rita is going to ask what comes from the general fund. There was a note “\$10K self supporting to attend Gala.” Not sure what it mean so Rita will check.

Mayor of Clare County and Mayor of Ennis are both coming. May need to do a new declaration. Need a mayors meeting (at this time it is unsure who will be mayor of Phx). Jim Waring is our liaison. Rita to connect with him and try to line up Jim Waring for mayors meeting.

Plan for a dinner before they leave that includes: city committee; dignitaries; consul general; youth ambassadors former & current. Thinking of McGarey for possible dinner site.

Committee needs to discuss gifts – Annemarie & Claire to work on gifts to Ennis delegation and Mayors.

May need 3 tables – need sponsors for tables.

New site for Gala – The Van Buren

Item 7 – Skate It Forward debrief (Mary Hill Connor)

Mary, Veronica, Alicia and Kiana were in attendance.

Nice but wouldn’t do it again. Not enough exposure. No foot traffic.

PSC earned \$2100 from Skate It Forward. Ennis to receive \$100+.

Item 8 – FY19 Master Calendar

(Mary Hill Connor)

The master calendar needs to be submitted to the Chairs prior to March. Mary is concerned about this and would like to meet with the chairs prior to March. She is going to request a chairs meeting for February.

Item 9 – Phoenix Sister Cities Update (Rita Marko)

Catania Scavenger Hunt

Item 11 – Adjournment (Mary Hill Connor)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. Next meeting to be held February 14 at 6pm at Half Moon Sports Grill.