

San Diego International Sister Cities Association

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022

5-6pm

ATTENDEES:

| FIRST     | LAST         | STATUS                     |
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| Veronica  | BAKER        | Volunteer (Arts & Culture) |
| Yolanda   | BURGESS      | Vice Chair/Panama          |
| Don       | GIAQUINTO    | Executive Director         |
| Connie    | GOERTZ       | León                       |
| Jan 'Kip' | GONTANG      | Perth                      |
| Marnyce   | MCKELL       | Tema                       |
| Michael   | MCQUARY      | SCI Board Member           |
| Kathleen  | ROCHE TANSEY | SCI State Representative   |
| Steven    | SIGAFUS      | Yokohama                   |
| Tim       | STIVEN       | Chair                      |
| Cynthia   | VILLIS       | Jalalabad                  |

AGENDA ITEMS:

| TITLE         | DESCRIPTION  | REMARKS  |
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| Welcome       | STIVEN       | STIVEN welcomed members.   |
| SoCal Updates |              |  |
|               | ROCHE TANSEY | ROCHE TANSEY thanked members for participating in SCI regional meeting. Next regional meeting will be a board meeting, May 21st, Irvine. It will be hybrid. SCI Youth Summit will take the form of Fireside Chats at the end of May, June, July, and culminating in the August 12th UN Youth Day . |
|               | MCQUARY      | MCQUARY reported that US-MEXICO-CANADA event was successful and well-attended (100+). SCI Board elections begin May 27th thru July 7th . There are 9 candidates for 9 positions. At the August 12th UN Youth Day celebration   |

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|                                  |           | the Youth Artisan/Author Showcase winners will be announced . Summer Leadership Conference will be held July 6th-8th and will also be hybrid . San Diego Mayors Summit will be held September 28-October 1 <sup>st</sup> .  |
| Action Items                     |           |   |
| Approval of February Minutes     |           | GIAQUINTO screenshared April minutes. STIVEN entertained vote to approve April minutes . Unanimous approval.  |
| Review of Special Meeting        | PETTERSON | Continued to next meeting.  |
| Discussion of 2022 Meeting Dates | GIAQUINTO | GIAQUINTO introduced Veronica BAKER, who has agreed to assist with arts and culture. GIAQUINTO shared proposed calendar. Also proposed Serra Mesa Library Conference Room as a centralized in-person meeting place. STIVEN asked whether a vote was necessary. GIAQUINTO clarified that his bringing up the possible location was for discussion only. MCKELL noted her birthday typically falls during the Annual Meeting weekend of September 13th and that she may not be able to attend. STIVEN noted the following weekend is his birthday. SIGAFUS noted October 10th doesn't work for him. GONTANG noted that individual absences are sometimes unavoidable. |
| Treasurer's Report               | BURGESS   | BURGESS noted that SANDISCA had been out of compliance when she joined, but was now in compliance. Described work completed to bring into compliance. She has collated everything in a 3-ring binder. GOERTZ asked if insurance allocation was a monthly, quarterly, or annual fee. MCKELL asked when the invoices are going out. BURGESS committed to getting back to her with additional information. STIVEN entertained motion to approve. Motion: GOERTZ. Second: GONTANG. Unanimous approval.  |
| Discussion Items                 |           |   |
| Balboa Cup Updates               | STIVEN    | STIVEN explained that Balboa Yvette Casillas has assumed responsibility on the Mexican side for coordinating SD-Tijuana tournament. Planning meeting on May 17th in Tijuana.  |
| Masaii Shoe Drive Update         | CENSOTTI  | STIVEN said Masaii Shoe Drive is ongoing. CIF track and field tournaments will have donation bins so that student runners can donate at the end of their season.  |

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|   |           | <p>Massachusetts National Guard have committed to air delivering shipment of shoes to Kenya. GIAQUINTA and STIVEN noted that multiple cities are assisting, including Long Beach. MCQUARY reported that Santa Barbara is interested in assisting with shoes and water purification. Collections are currently at 7,000 of the 21,000 target. GIAQUINTO reported that we are currently working on getting computers to a school in Baja, but that any remainder can be sent to Tema. GIAQUINTO asked for additional clarification about Balboa Cup. STIVEN reviewed history of current effort. Clarified that Cup is essentially moving forward between SD and TJ without him.</p> |
| June 3rd Doyle Elementary Cultural Festival | GIAQUINTO | <p>GIAQUINTO announced June 3rd Doyle Elementary Cultural Festival. 2:15-3:15pm there will be a school open house. The Festival will begin immediately after and continue until 4:30pm. SANDISCA booth will be there. He encouraged additional Sister City booths.</p>  |
| Committee updates                           |           |   |
| Friendship Cities                           |           | <p>MCQUARY reported the Ireland membership process is on pause currently due to Northern Ireland elections. Derry, Northern Ireland, and Letterkenny, Donegal, will be a very exciting 3-city partnership.</p>  |
| U.S. Mexico SCI Mayor's Summit              | MCQUARY   | <p>MCQUARY noted that Mayor's Summit El Paso-Guadalajara organizer is assisting in the planning of San Diego Summit. Committee is currently constituting 5 subcommittees. 170 mayors will be invited. It will be held September 28-October 1st. Location possibly at USD. Tijuana events will take place in the Tijuana Cultural Center. ROCHE-TANSEY reported that the City of San Diego is motivated to include Barrio Logan, potentially holding events at Bread and Salt.</p>   |
| Non-Agenda comment/Society Updates          |           | <p>ROCHE-TANSEY recommended that all SANDISCA members register with SCI to receive weekly notifications. BURGESS said that we're on standby for the Summit of Americas and that President Biden and other presidents may visit Balboa Park. GONTANG reiterated GOERTZ's question about insurance. BURGESS described policy and opportunities for reducing \$2,400 annual budget. Asked for Sister City programs to identify programs that are no longer active in order to suspend coverage for them. VILLIS announced \$2,000</p>  |

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|             |        | Jalaladad donation collection for Eid for low-income families. |
| Adjournment | STIVEN | Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm                                   |