

Partners notes June 7, 2015

Attendance: Steve & Jan, B&C Cooke, F Wardle, Co V, Gylton & Louise, Erica Atcheson, Teresa, Dwight H
Steve called to order. Introductions & welcome new member Erica. Minutes accepted. (Francis/Bryan)

Treasurer: \$9256.18 paid Marilyn for airfares. New student member added. Balance \$5838.76.

Co reported on Wagner – still interested but there are many cutbacks. Schools are not operating since March. Funding is questionable. Four people definitely coming, fifth is working on it. Steve will send an invitation. Aims is all set for them. Letter to Tribune has been written & published. Hope it will get some action from UNC.

Gylton reported on Olympic training center intern. Change in politics has caused some upheaval. Current candidate is uncertain. It looks like we are all set up for next spring. Portuguese language is critical for people going to Brazil. Spanish helps to make the transition easier. Interns should be members of partners and attend our meetings.

Dwight presented a power point on Partners of the Americas Innovation Network. This program could be used to recruit new members statewide. Needs to be developed & refined, including both north & south partners. Lin Allen's students might help. Co will talk to Lin. Francis will help with writing. Steve will do voiceover.

Steve – still need hosts for Improve Your English. Contact Marilyn B with ideas for visits & offers to host. (Museums, The Wild Animal Sanctuary, Cheyenne Frontier Days & parade suggested) Money for tuition is promised, but we may need to use Partners money to make Aims whole until we get it. (\$5200)

YOSA Exchanges – Gylton has 6-9 coming for volleyball exchange. June 26-July 31. Suggest a pool party again.

Upcoming Travel Grants – Gylton reported on inbound Luis Paratela (Sports) and Co reported on outbound Ruth Warner (Teaching English in Diamantina) this fall.

iEARN Conference – Francis reported. 140 countries involved. Began in New York. Teachers & students cooperative projects in technology in tandem with another country. Conference this year is in Brasilia. Looking to work with Partners to get teachers to the conference. We will support Erica's application. Need registration (\$660), visa & travel grant to spend 6 days at conference, 4 days in Minas.

MOTION by Steve to waive the 6 month membership requirement prior to travel grant for Erica. Seconded and PASSED. MOTION by Francis to support Erica's application. Discussion with Erica and Teresa. Seconded and PASSED. Very important to come back and participate in Partners. Teachers can develop relationships with any of 140 countries through iEARN.

Home stays are available from What Works in Portland Sept 10-11. Several members are going.

Binka is actively seeking partnership with institution to partner with Iracambi.

Francis reviewed 5 RFPs for 100K Strong. Took about 2 hours each to read and grade based on the criteria. In this way we have been involved in the process.

Building our presence in Denver & statewide. Francis met with Reed, who wants to work with Iracambi. Mostly needed to understand what we do. Very interested in environmental issues.

Next meeting is September 20 at YOSA, 218 Smokey Street, Fort Collins. December 6 meeting location to be announced, probably either Mary's or Co's.

Meeting adjourned to social time. (Francis/Bryan)

minutes by Carolyn Co. No.