**The Modern Language Teachers’ Association of Queensland Inc.**

Gold Coast Branch

**MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 16th  February 2017**

**Venue: G27\_1.11 (Business 2 Building)**

**Meeting commenced 4:10 pm**

**Attendance**

Leigh Kirwan (Griffith University), Eve Blackwell, Cathryn Cooper (Benowa SHS), Anthony Fara (Redland Bay SS), Chris Dunn (St Hilda’s), Susie Fenton (Tamborine Mtn SHS), Trina Nakahashi, Miki Ellis (Elanora SHS), Laura Marshall (Merrimac SS), Mariko Saito (Griffith University), David Hoskins (Benowa SHS), Rosa Chen, Carmel Weaver (Ashmore SS), Kim Hepworth (Clover Hill SS), Alicia Saigo (Merrimac SHS), Anna Siu (Supply Teacher – Chinese), Sohee Chu, Ai Nishijima (Miami SHS), Cassandra Dau (Upper Coomera & Oxenford), Jackie Mikami (Park Lake SS), Jodie Ishizaka (Coomera SS), Sofia Chu (King’s Christian College), Peter McCosker (Miami SHS), Gareth Jones (Robina SHS), Atsuya Kotoda (Pacific Pines SS), Mark Pentland (Merrimac SHS), Brendan Boyle (Helensvale SHS)

**Welcome**

2017 welcome by Leigh Kirwan. All present introduced themselves to the group.

**Apologies**

Wendy Yuan, Tracey Somerville, Kath Kirkpatrick, Patricia Petraello, Jo Fullerton, Rachel Vickers, Karen Palfreyman, Linda Ramirez, Lisa Miller.

 **President’s Report . Leigh reported on:**

* National Japanese Speech Contest in Sydney October 2016
* National Sympsium on Japanese Language Education 2016 in Melbourne November 2016
* JNTO seminar for teachers taking tours to Japan, Melbourne November 2016

**Webmaster’s Report**

* Anthony led discussion on whether the Speech Contest information from 2016 should be left on the website. The consensus was that it should.

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Cathryn gave the current balance as close to $17,000.

**Election of Officers for 2017**

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| **Position** | **Name** | **School** | **Nominated by** | **Seconded by** |
| President | Dr Leigh Kirwan | Griffith Uni | Chris Dunn | Eve Blackwell |
| Vice President | Jackie Mikami | Park Lake SS | Leigh Kirwan | Chris Dunn |
| Secretary | Jo Fullerton | Canungra SS | Kim Hepworth | Eve Blackwell |
| Treasurer | Peter McCosker | Miami SHS | Leigh Kirwan | Cathryn Cooper |
| Speech Contest Convenor | Jerome Richalot | All Saints | Leigh Kirwan | Jackie Mikami |
| Professional Development | Open |  |  |  |
| Webmaster | Anthony Fara | Redland Bay SS | Chris Dunn | Gareth Jones |

Members were thanked for participating in the election. Office bearers were congratulated.

**The positions of Professional Development has remained unfilled at this time. We will address this again next meeting. However, if you are interested in filling these positions please contact Leigh.**

**General Business**

* Cathryn announced details of Benowa SHS’s Year 7 2018 Expo to be held from 4:30 – 6:30 on Wednesday 1st March – see attachment for details
* Eve moved a motion to send a plant as a get well gesture to Life Member Gisela Bergmann who is very sick. Seconded by Chris. Eve to deliver.
* Writing Competition – Chris suggested that the September holidays would be a good time to judge the 2017 Writing Competition.
* It was agreed by the meeting that we would increase Eve’s payment for her excellent refreshments each meeting to $80.
* The 21st AFMLTA International Languages Conference 2017 will be held at Bond University on the Gold Coast 6 – 8 July 2017. Call for papers – See <http://www.mltaq.asn.au/conference-information/21st-afmlta-international-languages-conference-gold-coast/2017-afmlta-21st-international-conference---call-for-papers>
* EQ languages teachers can apply for conference funding until 17th March
* Atsuya announced that this year, the Japan & Friends Day will be held as an evening Bon Odori event from 3 – 8pm on Saturday 1st April. As the Gold Coast City Council has withdrawn the funding this year, he asked on behalf of the Japan Society of the Gold Coast for a donation from our branch. Chris moved that we should donated $500 and this met with unanimous agreement.
* There was some discussion about moving the date for the Speech Contest as it clashes with events at some schools, but it was decided that the date could not be changed.
* Chris thanked the meeting for his receiving the Carmel Gomm-Wright Award at the December Christmas Party.

**Meeting Concluded** 5:30pm. Networking continued until 6:00pm with wine & cheese for the AGM before 12 members adjourned to Lemongrass Parkwood on Thai Restaurant for dinner

**Future meetings:**

 Thur 09 March GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 16 March State MLTAQ AGM GU South Bank S02\_7.16

 Thur 20 April GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 04 May GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 01 June GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 13 July GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 03 August GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Sun 13 August Speech Contest Various

 Thur 07September GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 05 October GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 02 November GC MLTAQ G27\_1.11

 Thur 07 December Christmas Party To be advised