

Jasper Partnership Commission

Meeting Minutes 5/1/2020

9:00 am – Zoom Meeting

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Sean Jochum

Stan Jochum

Mattias Hilger

Kim Lottes

Irene Kapp

Mary Leah Seigel

Van Ziegler

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

Max called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Dean made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 13, 2020 Partnership Commission meeting. Stan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

35th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

The 35th Anniversary Trip has been postponed to 2021, so we will be celebrating the 36th Anniversary Trip. We need to be certain that we advertise it like that.

Max will check with Jackie regarding the \$1,000 deposit. He will check to see if we pay the \$1000 now if we will need to pay again next year or will we need to pay another \$1000 deposit. If we need to pay another deposit, we will keep our options open with other travel agents.

2021 Trip Ideas:

- Type of Trip
- Timing of Trip
- June 25-28 - Schteibick Fescht (Steinbruchfest = Stone Quarry Festival)
- June 25-28 – Jasper Student Exchange Program in Pfaffenweiler for celebration

If the trip is during the student exchange program, there may be a bigger participation with parents wanting to travel to see their child and meet their host families.

Question came up if Pfaffenweiler can accommodate us during the Anniversary Celebration? Students stay in other communities and won't be in Pfaffenweiler. There are maybe 2-3 Pfaffenweiler students so it should not be a problem.

Stan mentioned adding one day trip on the way to Pfaffenweiler depending where they fly into. Heidelberg would be a great option depending on cost.

Pfaffenweiler gift update – The chair has been put on hold until early next year.

Other Business

Discussed host family's gifts.

Austin Rothgerber, Crystal Water Designs, responded back regarding the pricing of the boxes if we order in large quantities. Price will not change as he gave us the lowest cost possible, the only change that could happen is a slight increase with his supplier, but he feels it will not happen. Lisa will reach out to him to see if we can get 100 ordered and how long it would take him to get them completed. The gift set would be a great gift for the exchange students host families as well as the Principal. We would want to have the boxes in hand in early May 2021.

Strassenfest update from Kim. There will not be a decision made until June 1st.

Steffi motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor seconded.

NEXT MEETING

No formal meeting to schedule at this time. Members will be notified of the specific date.