

Jasper Partnership and Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commissions

Meeting Minutes 6/21/2021

1:00pm – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Kim Lottes

Andrea Gramelspacher

Steffi Schmuecker

Gina Schuetter

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Seigel

Mattias Hilger

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

Max called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 31, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Gina Schuetter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

Max Verkamp sent out information via email (see attached) regarding trip details from Jackie's Travel.

Discussion points:

- Next month Jackie will have airfare and can lock in pricing.
- 2022 has a couple additional nights.
- The first day is concern. We do not want to wear people out.
- Is our goal \$2500, if so we may need to take a day out.
 - Discussed to not exceed \$2800.
- We would be spending four full days in Pfaffenweiler.
- The 3-hour river trip should be moved to Day 2
- Take out the travel to new *Dudenhoefen*, Ferdinand's sister city.
- Keep the Tuesday, June 21 plans
- Should we take out *Gengenbachs*?
- Mayor will not be able to attend the entire trip due to a prior commitment of his Godson's wedding.

Max will revise with Jackie and get sent out to everyone.

Artisan/Craft Exchange

Stan brought all the eight applications and displayed them on posterboard for everyone to review.

A selection committee was created:

- Josh Dodd – Community Member
- Matthias Hilger – Sister Cities Member
- Andrea Hedinger Gramelspacher – Partnership Commission Member
- Sandy Wehr – Sister Cities Member
- Kyle Rupert – Arts Department, Chairman
- Stan Jochum – Facilitator

Two applicants will be selected along with a third alternate.

Criteria for the selection:

- How will the individual help to strengthen the partnership? What impact will their craft or art have on the people in our Sister City?
- Community economic benefits
- Presentation skills
- Creating something affordable
- Personality
- Will the applicant still be available at the specific time?
- There should be a piece of art for display as a token of appreciation.

The selection committee will interview the top three applicants. The applicants will have a ten-minute presentation with ten-minutes of questions. The individuals chosen will also need to report to the media and other organizations about their experience pre and post trip. Mid July the announcement of the artists will take place.

The discussion was also around culinary being a possibility for next year. Also, all applicants will be kept on file for future exchanges.

Is there an expectation of incorporating Jasper, IN with their craft?

Yes, it should have some type of tag or labeled.

Mayor Vonderheide brought up that Keith Fritz will host the brothers that would like to intern at a local cabinet factory. Keith will have them intern at the business and he will also provide housing for them. Some concerns were brought up regarding the housing situation and the location being in Jasper.

Other Business

Mayor Vonderheide has a call with Dieter on Wednesday to discuss more details on the trip and the artisan exchange.

Jasper Strassenfest sent their yearly \$750 donation to the Partnership Commission.

Kim Lottes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Hedinger Gramelspacher seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20th at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.