

# ***Jasper Partnership and Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commissions***

Meeting Minutes 7/20/2021

8:00am – Pfaffenweiler Room

## **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Ross Holversen

Mary Leah Seigel

## **CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES**

Max called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the June 21, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Stan Jochum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership**

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

Dieter reached out to see if the trip date could change due to a conflict in Mayor Vonderheide's schedule the Saturday of the celebration. Per Jackie, the dates work better on her end as she was having difficulties making the stop in Frankfurt work. Per Ross, it is not an issue for the student exchange program. Everyone agreed to move the dates for the celebration to June 26 – July 5.

Discussion points:

- Jackie will have the pricing finalized on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be four full days in Pfaffenweiler.
- Stay in Mainz instead of Frankfurt.
- The estimated thus far is \$2900, we should market it as under \$3000.

Max will revise Jackie's flier and send to Jackie for approval. After Jackie approves, we will make a poster to put in a sandwich board at the Strassenfest. Interested individuals will be able to fill out a card with contact information and we can get more information to them.

Mayor will confirm with Dieter the Celebration will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ross will reach out to the student exchange parents to let them know the dates have changed.

Lisa will reach out to Stephanie Armstrong at the Info Booth for Strassenfest to see about putting a sandwich board with trip info. There will also be little cards that can be filled out by interested individuals at the booth.

### **Artisan/Craft Exchange**

The selection committee met at the end of June and discussed the applicants and the criteria. They spent about an hour and a half and narrowed down three candidates.

Discussion is in the works for a culinary exchange for next year.

Three individuals were invited back for interviews on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Monte Young, Curtis Uebelhor, and Jay Hamlin were interviewed for about 15-20 minutes.

Monte's work will cost about 5-15 euros, Curtis's work will cost about 100 euros, and Jay's work is right in the middle.

Dieter was in favor to send all three artists to Pfaffenweiler. Financially we are okay to do so as well due to the Schnitzelbank being involved. The Schnitzelbank is now involved as they are updating the restaurant and would like Jay to take photos. It was also brought up that it could be a possibility for Jay to go on the 2022 trip to document the trip and get Spring/Summer photos. Partnership Commission could propose to pay for his trip. We could also look to the foundation to see if there is a grant available.

How the Partnership logo is used and incorporated by the artisans needs to be clarified.

The artisans will depart either November 13, 14, or 15 and return December 1 or 2. Host families have not been arranged just yet.

After all the candidates have been notified a joint press release will be sent out. Mary Leah and Max will create the release and Lisa will send out to the media and post on social media/website.

Mary Leah will send out the notification letters to the candidates.

The two brothers coming here should have received an invitation letter from Mayor Vonderheide. Mary Leah is willing to host one of the brothers and his spouse and Steffi mentioned she might be able to host the other brother and spouse. A questionnaire should be sent to the spouses prior to their stay to get their interests.

Stan will be the point person for the two brothers traveling here.

### **Other Business**

Irene Kapp motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.