

Jasper Partnership and Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commissions

Meeting Minutes 8/20/2021

8:00am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Seigel

Jackie Braunecker

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

Max called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Kim Lottes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

Jackie Braunecker, Jackie's Travel, attended the meeting to answer any questions there are regarding the trip.

Max sent out trip travel details before the meeting.

Airline discussion is critical at this time.

- Discussion regarding airline deposit that is due August 24, 2021. We must have a deposit for 32 tickets, which would cost \$9600. We must use at least 10 tickets, or we lose \$300 total (not per person)
- Price could be around \$50 cheaper if we take a motorcoach to Chicago and get direct flights
- Sister Cities pay the airline deposit so that the Partnership would still have money for the gifts

Other points discussed

- We owe Jackie \$1,000 for the non-refundable deposit for the initially scheduled anniversary trip for 2020. This was approved at the November 20, 2018, meeting.
- Discussion before was to add to each person but to keep the amount under \$3,000 we should just pay it to make the trip more marketable
- \$3085 – must be 30 individuals and it also include Jackie traveling with us
- Market the trip as “Limited Seating Available”
- Jackie will check on insurance, but this will be an additional cost and will not cover COVID situations
- There are meals paid for but not all of them

- Direction was given to Jackie to price out the option of a direct flights in and out of Chicago with a shuttle drive to Chicago from Jasper.

Artisan/Craft Exchange

Everything seems to be going well.

Stan will be meeting with the artisans from Jasper regarding their flights soon

Discussion is to maybe wait until late September/early October and have a news release at the same time.

Mary Leah suggested to reach out to ABF to help to get items to Germany for our artisans. Stan will reach out to ABF.

The two brothers that were coming here to intern with cabinet makers are no longer visiting. Instead, two new individuals will be visiting. Niklas Samuel, candle maker, will be joining us with his girlfriend Sabrina Dischinger. Matthias is getting information for Mayor Vonderheide to extend an invitation to them. Mary Leah said she would be happy to host Niklas and Sabrina.

Mary Leah is working on a Press Release but will wait until late September/early October in case details change.

Other Business

Discussed the new signs that are located as you drive into Jasper. The logo needs updated so the Street Department has been working with Max and Matthias to get the new logo. The only change before it gets printed is to bold the outside words.

Payment of the sign will come from City of Jasper – Promotion of the City account. The old signs will be auctioned off at the German Club auction on November 17. Funds made will go back to the Partnership Commission.

Sister Cities is having their annual drive thru dinners on Sunday, September 26 at the Schnitzelbank from 10:30am-1pm. Brats and Fried Chicken will be available.

New shipment of wine has arrived. Sister Cities will put out a release.

Andrea Hedinger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Irene Kapp seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21st at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall. Lisa will call Stan Jochum to be on speaker as he will be out of town.