

Jasper Partnership and Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commissions

Meeting Minutes 9/21/2021

8:00am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum (via phone)

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Siegel

Gina Schuetter

Kim Lottes

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

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

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the August 20, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Andrea Gramelspacher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

Sister Cities approved paying for the deposit for the trip at their last meeting. The money has been submitted and 30 flights have been reserved.

A bus will take the guests to Chicago, where they will fly out of. Everyone will be on the same flight.

As of right now, Max Verkamp's family are the only ones that have secured their spots. The following plan on reserving their spots soon:

Paul and Mary Leah Siegel

Dave Wehr

There will need to be 30 individuals booked by March 30th, the deadline for reservations. If there are ten booked, there is no penalty. We are almost at that number just with the Partnership Commission members.

Mayor will most likely not travel with the group due to arriving home late from Indy the day before. He will catch up with them in Pfaffenweiler though.

Marketing:

City of Jasper website and social media pages

German Club newsletter

Mayor to speak on WITZ and Monday with the Mayor (WJTS)

Lisa will reach out to the list of individuals that were interested before we canceled.

Lisa will reach out to Crystal Water Designs to see what the lead time and current price is for the host family gifts. The exchange students could also give these to their host families as well. Looking at possibly ordering 50, depending on price break, and we can sell the rest at Strassenfest.

Artisan/Craft Exchange

Everything seems to be going well.

Trips have been booked for Monte and his wife, Jay, and Curtis. They will leave on November 13th and return December 1st. Their flight will leave from Evansville to Atlanta to Frankfurt.

Monte's items will need to be shipped. Stan is currently working on this. He has reached out to Mailboxes and Parcel, and they seem to be able to help. There will be two boxes that weigh 40-45lbs and it will be about \$750-\$1,000 to ship. Mayor will check with Dieter to see if the items can be shipped to the Rathaus/Dieter. Stan will need a street address and zip code.

Stan will make sure our guests are clear on all expectations of the exchange. Also, to mention Monte's plate would be a good host family gift to give.

Mayor will get an update on Nicholas, the candlemaker, traveling here when he has his call tomorrow. He will also get an update on host families for our people that are traveling to Pfaffenweiler.

Other Business

Max received everyone's input regarding the new Partnership sign. He has emailed Jeff Theising at the Street Department so we should be moving forward.

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.

The question came up of how do we get the exchange to involve everyone across the spectrum?

Discussed on how we can make the teacher exchange work. Pfaffenweiler school year is longer than ours. Also, maybe wording it different when talking to Tracey Lorey. There is no limitations on how the exchange could work. It could be job shadowing, guest speaker, a week at JHS and a week at JMS, etc.

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

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Friday, October 29th at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.