

Jasper Partnership and Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commissions

Meeting Minutes 10/29/2021

8:00am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor Vonderheide

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Seigel

Gina Schuetter

Kim Lottes

Matthias Hilger

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

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

Kim Lottes made the motion to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

As of right now, there are five individuals registered for the trip. There will be more to come as individuals mentioned they just have not booked yet.

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.

Reminder, Mayor will not travel with the group due to arriving home late from Indy the day before. He will catch up with everyone in Pfaffenweiler.

Marketing:

- City of Jasper website and social media pages

- German Club newsletter

- Mayor to speak on WITZ with Stan Jochum and Jay Hamlin

- Monday with the Mayor (WJTS)

- Bill Potter (WJTS)

- Billboard (The Herald)

- Bulletin at local churches

- Video/Testimonials from hosts and past guests

 - Andrea, Max, Lauren, Gene Kunz, Mike Humbert

 - Members from Pfaffenweiler

 - Mary Leah will help coordinate and get the recording to be able to share.

 - Record first of December

Send out interested forms, same as we did in 2020, to individuals thinking about or going on the trip.

Stan Jochum brought up the idea of having a prize package for the trip. The first 25 to sign up will be entered into the grand prize drawing.

Artisan/Craft Exchange

Everything is coming together. Stan has met with the artisans twice to make them feel at ease. They will at least one more time before they leave. Matthias has started to send out tips for visitors to the artisans to make them feel a little more comfortable. Stan will ask them to share snippets to post on social media during their trip.

Press release will go out this week.

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 has shipped two boxes of plates and cups. One box has arrived in Pfaffenweiler and the other is on its way, so it should arrive on time.

Bill Potter, WJTS, is willing to interview individuals, the group, etc at least three or four times.

The Artisans will arrive Sunday, November 14th around 8:30 in Frankfurt. They will have a meeting at City Hall on Monday, November 15th to plan activities, etc.

Host families have been arranged for everyone.

When the Artisans arrive back home, they will be invited to our Partnership Commission meeting to talk about their experience.

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.

Logo – if their items are logoed and sold for own use or profit, the artisan will need to fill out the form and pay a fee (\$100).

Nicholas Samuel and Sabrina Dichinger will be arriving November 24th or 25th to Jasper and will be here until December 9th. They will be staying with Paul and Mary Leah Seigel. Nicholas will be bringing his art of making candle holders out of different shaped milk containers.

Other Business

Max will have an update on the Pfaffenweiler signs for Jasper at the next meeting.

Mayor provided an update regarding his monthly meeting with Dieter.

- Pfaffenweiler's focus right now is the expansion of Preschool/Kindergarten.
- Pfaffenweiler launched a community survey regarding future needs in the community

- There is a big opportunity investing in real estate. Young families want to purchase but can't afford the prices. The thought is getting the elders to move into smaller homes for the younger families to move in.
- November 19, Mayor has a Zoom interview with 10-year-old students. Mary Leah will reach out to Karin and see if the zoom can be recorded and share snippets in the community.
- Day of Clubs – how people can get involved in the community through different clubs offered.
 - National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, maybe this is something we can incorporate here. Discussed at the first Downtown Chowdown possibly. Start to plant seeds when on radio programs for people to reach out if they are a club or organization wanting to participate.

Steffi Schmuecker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim Lottes seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Monday, December 6th at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.