

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

Meeting Minutes 12/6/2021

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

Julie Young

John Eckerle

Jay Hamlin

## **CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES**

Max called the meeting to order at 8:02am.

Kim Lottes made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 29, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Artisan/Craft Exchange**

All the artisans arrived in Pfaffenweiler and came back. It was a successful trip! This was a good first step to start, but we do have room for improvements.

Market was cancelled due to COVID. However, provisions were made and there were three booths set up downtown for our artisans to sell.

Monte Young journaled during the trip and has shared the journal with Stan Jochum.

Feedback from Julie and Jay:

Julie Young:

- Wonderful trip
- Welcoming
- Went beyond expectations
- Was able to visit a couple other countries
- Next trip maybe during Schneckenfest
- Pandemic – maybe cancel or help understand the rules in Pfaffenweiler better
- Someone to be available in Frankfurt to help with train ride
- Confusion at the airport due to COVID and expensive testing

- Suggested providing the participants a listing of potential sights to see
- Thanks to the German Club and Eckert Foundation for making this trip happen

Jay Hamlin:

- Thanks to everyone for the opportunity. As an artist everything is an adventure.
- Train Ride – language barriers
  - How to purchase tickets
  - Being a little more prepared
- Different hosts – different experience
  - Full of knowledge and very active
- Agreed with Julie to have during the Schneckenfest
  - Would not like to attend a one day show to sell and over a holiday
  - Schneckenfest – warmer or harvest time with the colors
- Everyone is very active during the day and the night
- Dieter and Diana were very supportive and kept the machine running
- Very busy time and were “on” all time
- Had a room to work in and access to equipment
- COVID
  - Walked in blind and jumped in like it was family when he arrived to his host families house. He took a calculated risk on how they deal with COVID
  - Being prepared at the airport

Discussed having a space in Pfaffenweiler to sell the items. There could be some space in the upstairs of the museum to sell product or the winery. The downfall is that the museum is not well attended. Maybe the Partnership potentially creates a space for Jasper art to be displayed and sold.

The artists, Partnership Commission, and Sister Cities will get Thank You notes to Dieter and Diana and host families.

This was a great opportunity for work/leisure/and ambassador trip. This hopefully will spur opportunities for economic exchange and strengthen our partnership.

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

Discussion of 90 second videos

- Be sure to make no longer than 90 seconds
- Words with the video for those who leave the mute on
- Individuals to be interviewed
  - Mayor Vonderheide
  - Dieter
  - Andrea Gramelspacher
  - Sandy Wehr
  - Megan Steftenagel
  - Lauren Verkamp
- Mary Leah will be working on getting these done to be posted on the Sister Cities social media. City will share the posts.

More photos should be added to the flyer for more of a visual.

COVID – to continue communication, vaccines are required

Max is working on the community gift, IFI Chair with Partnership logo imprinted.

Lisa is trying to get ahold of Crystal Water Designs but is not having any luck. Another option would be to use gifts from Monte and Jay.

Lisa to assemble a meeting in the Council Chambers for the individuals interested in the trip to learn more. Looking at an evening in January at 6:30pm. Lisa will send Max dates and he will get with Jackie to see if she is available.

**Other Business**

Mayor Vonderheide motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim Lottes seconded.

**NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.