

## ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 1/6/2022

8:00 am – Pfaffenweiler Room

### **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Sandy Wehr

### **CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES**

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

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the December 6, 2021 Partnership Commission meeting. Irene Kapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Member Update**

Lisa Bower continues as Recording Secretary. Max Verkamp remains President and Stan Jochum will remain Vice President of the Partnership Commission. Mayor Vonderheide made the motion and Irene Kapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Financial Report**

Funds are held by Sister Cities, Inc. and the Treasurer is Matthias Hilger.

The host gifts and the city gift will be paid out of this fund for the 2022 Partnership Trip.

Max presented the 2021 Expenses. Steffi Schmuecker made a motion to approve as presented and Mayor Vonderheide seconded the motion. The motion carried.

See attached for the report.

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

Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall there will be an Open House to all those who are going or are interested in the trip. Jackie from Jackie's Travel will be present. There is a FB event set up and information has also been sent to the media and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce. We need to be sure to spread the word.

Discussed if we should keep moving forward or postpone the trip due to COVID. Right before Christmas Max Verkamp reached out to Jackie's Travel and there were 6-8 individuals signed up, which doesn't include Max's family. A few discussion points:

- After March 31<sup>st</sup> is when deposits start to become non-refundable.
- We will continue to move forward
- The trip is in the summer so hopefully COVID numbers are lower

- Getting into Germany is not as hard as it is getting back into the US that may be a little tougher
- Work with Pfaffenweiler to see if they could set up a COVID testing clinic with a local doctor for the visitors to go through at the same time before they head back to the US.
- Decision needs to be made by the end of February/first of March. We can regroup in six weeks.
- Continue to market the trip
  - Lisa to see if Mary Leah will reach out to the Louisville German Club
  - Lisa to see if Matthias will reach out to the German Consulate to add in a newsletter
  - Sandy will reach out to the churches to add to the bulletin
  - Lisa will reach out to the Messenger
  - Stan will reach out to Jay Hamlin to share on his photography Facebook page
  - Max will reach out to the German Club again to inform them of the January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Give other options, Plan B, after March 31st
- Mayor will get a feel from Dieter on the call next week his thoughts on the status of the trip

Received a quote from Crystal Water Designs for a custom gift box with two stemless wine glasses with engraved logo to give to the host families. They would cost \$24 each, we would order a total of 50 for a grand total of \$1200. Steffi Schmuecker made a motion to proceed with the order and Stan Jochum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **Other Business**

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

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.