

## ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 2/25/2022

8:00 am – Pfaffenweiler Room

### **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Sandy Wehr

Gina Schuetter

Mary Leah Siegel

Matthias Hilger

Andrea Gramelspacher

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

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

Mayor Vonderheide made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2022 Partnership Commission meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Jackie currently has 12 individuals signed up.

If we get at least 15 total individuals signed up the cost will raise \$600 per person. This is due to an increase for the cruise, bus, hotel rates, and Jackie's travel costs that are built in.

If you know of anyone that is interested and has not signed up, please reach out to them. We also need to make a big push to local clubs and organizations. This is a community trip not just a Partnership/Sister Cities trip.

Mary Leah will create an invitation that can be sent out. Steffi will get with someone from Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, and Lions club for distribution to their groups.

Discussion was brought up about possibility shortening the trip to keep it closer to the dollar amount. This might, however, change minds of those who committed.

There needs to be a list of others traveling and planning to join the celebration, so they have a shirt to match and to also see if they need help with host families.

City gift of a chair is in production.

Hosts gifts – Mayor and Lisa met with Crystal Water Designs to go over a few changes on the box. Austin said he would have a sample to us. Lisa will give him a deadline of Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for the sample. Once everyone reviews the boxes a decision will be made on March 7<sup>th</sup>. If

we don't hear back we need to have another plan. If we do receive the sample and we are good with production, we need to have them no later than April 15<sup>th</sup> so they can get shipped with the chair. Two other options were discussed, pottery from Monte Young or a sweatshirt blanket with the Partnership logo.

Olivia Otto is looking into cost of shirts for the celebration. Looking at red polos with the Partnership logo. We also discussed having t-shirts for the students instead of polos. These will be paid for individually.

### **Other Business**

Sister Cities discussed their upcoming projects.

2022:

Student Exchange

First Ever Jasper Teacher Exchange to Pfaffenweiler

Anniversary Trip

Summer Intern from Pfaffenweiler (Emma Scherle)

Artist Exchange from Pfaffenweiler during Strassenfest?

Teacher Exchange from Pfaffenweiler in August?

History/German Heritage Awareness – Jasper & Pfaffenweiler

2023:

Artist Exchange #2 – both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler

Culinary or Professional Exchange #1 – both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler

Teacher Exchange #2

Additional potential projects.

2024:

Student Exchange

Artist Exchange #3 – both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler

Culinary or Professional Exchange #2– both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler

Teacher Exchange #3

Partnership Commission and Sister Cities meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am at the Schnitzelbank. Lisa will notice the meeting.

\$5000 in scholarships are available from Sister Cities to students that have been in the exchange program and want to further their education

Andrea Gramelspacher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stan Jochum seconded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Pfaffenweiler Room at City Hall.