

Jasper Partnership Commission

Meeting Minutes 3/28/2022

8:00 am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum - phone

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Kim Lottes

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Siegel

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

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

Steffi Schmuecker made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2022, Partnership Commission meeting. Mayor Vonderheide seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

Jackie currently has 14 individuals signed up. Four individuals have dropped out. One couple, due to Ukraine concerns, and the other couple we are not sure why.

Max reached out to the individuals signed up to get their thought about the cost raising to \$600 per person or if there is an activity/night taken out of the trip. Most said they are okay with the extra \$600. Mary Leah Siegel mentioned we should have Jackie look at other options for travel.

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. At the April 23rd meeting we can start that spreadsheet.

City gift of a chair will be shipped to the winery in Pfaffenweiler, along with the host family gifts.

Update on host family gifts - Crystal Water Designs signed a contract that he will have the gifts to us by April 15th or he will pay the shipping to Pfaffenweiler. 50 boxes have been ordered at \$27.50 each. The students on the exchange will give these to their host families as well. As a side note, there are 14 students going on the exchange this year.

Mayor had a meeting with Dieter, and they discussed the Partnership meeting being on July 1 and 2. This will be regarding the five-year plan development. The commission discussed that seems like a long meeting. In the past they have only been a half of a day. Mayor Vonderheide will check with Dieter to see if it can be in the morning of July 2nd. In the afternoon the celebration can be scheduled in the Community Room. This is where the group will eat, have

speeches, entertainment, and present the gifts for about 3-4 hours. On July 3rd is the Stone Quarry Celebration and on July 4th is the Black Forest tour with the Student Exchange.

Also, during Mayor Vonderheide's meeting with Dieter they discussed having a New Year's Eve Celebration in Jasper. This will include a family friendly event where at midnight, Pfaffenweiler time, we can zoom in and watch the "ball" drop. In the evening there can be an adult celebration. This event will not start until 2023 to make sure it is planned out right.

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

Partnership Commission and Sister Cities meeting on April 23rd at 9am at the Schnitzelbank.

Lisa will notice the meeting. The following are a few items that will be discussed:

- 15 minutes for a Partnership meeting
- Who will be attending the celebration in Pfaffenweiler?
 - Will need shirt sizes
 - Some won't be going on planned trip through Jackie however we still would like their information.
- Prep for trip
- Fundraising ideas
- Bring your calendars
- Top 5 ideas to 2025

Emma Scherle will be in Jasper from Pfaffenweiler to intern in the medical field mid-July through early September. She is staying with Max Verkamp.

Alisa Egloff will be in Jasper from Pfaffenweiler to intern in the medical field mid-July for about a month. Matthias is looking into finding her a host family to stay with.

Teacher exchange will begin as soon as August.

Stone carving – how do we bring that back and keep it to the forefront?

Artist exchange will possibly start in August, more discussion in April.

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

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 23rd at 9am during the Sister Cities/Partnership Commission meeting at the Schnitzelbank.