

Jasper Partnership Commission

Meeting Minutes 5/17/2022

8:00 am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Kim Lottes

Sandy Wehr

Mary Leah Siegel

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

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

Kim Lottes made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2022, Partnership Commission meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

37th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership

Chair and host family gifts arrived last week. We need to have someone open to make sure the chair is not damaged but also not share what it is. Max Verkamp will get with Matthias Hilger to see if he would be able to do this.

Below is the itinerary for the 2022 Partnership Trip that Ross Halverson put together:

	Student Exchange Group	Adult Partnership Trip	Pfaffenweiler's Itinerary for Jasper
Sunday, June 26, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Depart	
Monday, June 27, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Frankfurt to Mainz	
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	Zürich, Switzerland (Lake Tour, Lindt Chocolate Factory, Lunch)	Rhine River Cruise	
Wednesday, June 29, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Stuttgart	
Thursday, June 30, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Hohenzollern to Pfaffenweiler	Arrival in Pfaffenweiler, Welcome Rathaus
Friday, July 1, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Free Day with Host Family	Morning: Meeting Sister City Comitees; Sightseeing Fire Brigade; Evening: Event in the stone quarry
Saturday, July 2, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Official Partnership Celebration	10.00 - 13.00 Uhr: Sightseeing Pfaffenweiler 18.00 Uhr Partnerschaftsabend Halle
Sunday, July 3, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Free Day with Host Family	Church service, Steibickfest
Monday, July 4, 2022	Gutach	Free Day with Host Family	Gutach: Exchange students + Jasper Group; Evening: "Firobehock"
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	Staufen/Pfaffenweiler	Zurich to Jasper	Departure

Max Verkamp reached out to Jackie's Travel to get a group meeting date set for those traveling. We decided on May 26th at 6pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Topics to be covered include but not limited to attire, money, vaccination requirement, and power converters.

Discussion on topics for the July 1st meeting between the two partnership groups. The top two important topics is the other side of the artist exchange, brining someone from Pfaffenweiler to Jasper, and the teacher exchange. Two other topics would be to restart the stone quarry group and discuss professional exchanges, example: Rotary Club.

The itinerary will need to be prioritized

- Mayor Vonderheide to also give an update of the last 5-7 years. This will need to be translated.
 - PowerPoint with significant projects
 - Last downtown change was the Mill when Pfaffenweiler was in Jasper
 - Example of topics: JMYLC, Downtown Revitalization, Riverfront District, Strassenfest move

Saturday evening official celebration will include:

- Mayor Vonderheide will present
- Max Verkamp – gift presentation/host family gifts
- Mary Leah Siegel is creating a video

Matthias Hilger will arrive earlier to help with whatever is needed.

Discussed having an interview with WITZ and a Facebook live during the trip

Other Business

Mayor Vonderheide motioned to adjourn the meeting. Andrea Gramelspacher seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be determined.