

Jasper Partnership Commission

Meeting Minutes 9/4/2024

7:30 am – Pfaffenweiler Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor Vonderheide

Lisa Bower

Kim Lottes

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Andrea Gramelspacher

Steffi Schmuecker

Guests:

Mary Leah Siegel

Matthias Hilger

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

Max called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Mayor Vonderheide made the motion to accept the minutes from the June 26, 2024, Partnership Commission meeting. Andrea Gramelspacher seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of the 2025 visit from Pfaffenweiler – 40th Anniversary

- Reviewed current finances
 - Expect to have \$15K available by the time of next year's visit
- # of Attendees
 - Mayor will ask for updated list on his 9/11 call with Lukas and if any will need a pick-up from an airport.
- 40th Anniversary Monument Project
 - Discussed the new design and the commission provided favorable feedback.
 - Dates would go from top to bottom
 - Joint dates would be on the back of the center
 - Next steps include:
 - Get Pfaffenweiler's support for the design
 - Finalize the location of the monument
 - Secure funding
 - Time during Strassenfest for the dedication of the monument
- Welcome Reception
 - Wednesday, July 30 from 5-6pm at the Parklands Pavilion
 - Fee has been waived from the city
 - Appetizers and drinks
 - Café Pina to create a grazing table
 - Mayor and Lisa will check to see if the City can pay for the appetizers and drink out of the Promotion of the City fund.
 - Families will ride with their host families and have dinner after the event

- Will invite guests and their host families, a Strassenfest representative & German Club President
- Partnership Commission and Sister Cities Board will help serve
- Per Andrea Gramelspacher she will be able to bartend and get the wine
 - Hedinger's is an approved vendors for the Parklands
- Name tags, buttons, etc – bags to be made up and handed out for this evening
- Tour of Dubois County Museum - Thursday , July 31st from 10am – Noon
 - Have a presentation from the museum in the log cabin room for the large group
 - Museum volunteer will present, and Lauren Verkamp will translate
 - After the presentation everyone can tour the museum on their own
 - Stan Jochum will reach out to the museum to give a donation instead of paying for each visitor in the group
 - Lunch will be on their own
- Strassenfest Opening Ceremonies
 - Max will get with Corrie Eckerle and Laura Grammar on what type of participation our German guests will have in the opening ceremonies
- Partnership Meeting – Friday morning, August 1st - 9–11:30am
 - To be held in the Pfaffenweiler Room
 - Agenda will be the State of the City from Jasper and Pfaffenweiler and review the Declaration
 - Lunch will be at the fest over lunch hour – we will provide Strassenfest bucks to pay for their meal at whatever stand they wish.
- Parade
 - Mary Leah will reach out to Sister Cities on details
 - If anyone would like to participate in the parade, they could be put to the front of the parade with Mayor, then they can watch the rest of the parade
- Tour of Jasper - Tuesday, August 5th
 - JHS buses have been reserved (will pay each driver \$17.50/hour)
 - Guests and host families welcome for the tour
 - Discussed having two different tours at different times
 - Manufacturing facility and/or City facilities/sights
 - At the Welcome reception guest and families can sign up for which tour and time they wish to go on
- Celebration - Tuesday, August 5th – 6pm
 - KlubHaus 61 – Mary Leah will make the reservations
 - Jamie will serve dishes. We can see if Haley and Kim would like to be involved as well since they all went on the culinary exchange
 - Look to have music at the celebration

Other Business

- Mary Leah let everyone know German American Day is set for October 6th at noon, KlubHaus 61. Tickets are \$20.
- Matthias brought up again about a new city flag.
- Stan Jochum motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim Lottes seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Monday, October 7th at 7:30am in the Pfaffenweiler Room.