

Jasper Partnership Commission

Meeting Minutes 10/7/2024

7:30 am – Upstairs Conference Room

ROLL CALL

Max Verkamp

Mayor Vonderheide

Lisa Bower

Kim Lottes

Stan Jochum

Steffi Schmuecker

Guests:

Mary Leah Siegel

Matthias Hilger

CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES

Max called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

Mayor Vonderheide made the motion to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2024, Partnership Commission meeting. Stan Jochum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion of the 2025 visit from Pfaffenweiler – 40th Anniversary

- Finances:
 - Donation will increase available funds to \$16,600
- Attendees
 - Mayor had an update call with Lukas and there are about 80 individuals, 10 people have fallen off the list. Lukas will provide a list and host families to see where we need to fill in at.
 - Lukas also thought the agenda looks good.
 - German Club should expect to have visitors work the booth.
 - Mayor to invite the following to the Partnership Celebration and other events:
 - Sister Cities International
 - General Consul of Germany, Wolfgang Moessinger
 - Honorary Consul General, Sven Shumacher
 - President of IGHS
 - Governor
 - Mary Leah will get contact information to Lisa
 - Use Mayor's letterhead
- 40th Anniversary Monument Project
 - See attached information.
 - We will need to get a quote on a crane.
 - Options of placement are the Cultural Center, Corner of Courtyard Project for HOJ, or 4th or 6th Street
 - Sister Cities Plaza was another idea that was discussed for an area in Jasper to display our Sister Cities Monument, in the case we would have more than one.
 - Looking at funding through Friends of the Arts and IGHS

- Work with Schum's to get final figures and submit grant applications
- Scheduled tours/activities while in Jasper
 - Welcome Reception, Wednesday, July 30th
 - City will pay for the appetizers
 - Hedinger Beverage (Andrea) mentioned they would work with us on the alcohol
 - Tour of Dubois County Museum - Thursday, July 31st
 - Lisa has notified the museum
 - We will reimburse how many show up to the museum after the fact
 - Opening Ceremony
 - Would you want the Mayor of Pfaffenweiler, Lukas Mahler, to participate in some way, possibly by saying a few words? **YES!**
 - Some of the visitors are part of the Pfaffenweiler band. Would you want any of them to play music during the ceremony or procession to the beer garden? In 2015, they did participate in the procession to the Beer Garden. **YES! We will work with German Club and German Heritage and let you know by end of year.**
 - Would you want any of our visitors to be part of the procession to the beer garden in any way? **YES! We will work with German Club and German Heritage and let you know by end of year.**
 - Could we acknowledge the visitors during the initial remarks? **YES! The Chairperson is in charge of opening ceremonies, so I will work to make sure they are acknowledged.**
 - Partnership Meeting – Friday morning, August 1st
 - To be held in the Pfaffenweiler Room
 - Only Partnership Commission and Sister Cities Board
 - Lisa created Strassenfest Bucks to hand out for lunch and will collect after everyone has been to lunch that day
 - Will the group want to participate in the parade?
 - Discussed who could be Hoffmarshal
 - Diana and Lois
 - Alan Hanselman and someone from Pfaffenweiler
 - Sister Cities is willing to put a float together if there is enough interest
 - Sister Cities
 - German Club
 - Partnership Commission
 - Stone Carvers
 - Would like to be in the front part of the parade
 - Tour of Jasper - Tuesday, August 5th
 - Two different tours – Manufacturing & City Sites
 - Indiana Furniture
 - City tour – Max will put a map out and run it past us
 - Celebration - Tuesday, August 5th
 - Mary Leah reserved the date at the KlubHaus
 - No fee for the bldg., just pay for staff
- Bricks at the Train Depot
 - No layout exists of existing bricks

- Olivia Otto will create a list this winter and check over the list to see who doesn't have one
- Visitors from Pfaffenweiler, who don't have a brick already should receive one

Other Business

- Mary Leah said 66 guests attended German American Day.
- Max will invite Corie Eckerle, Strassenfest, to the next meeting.
- Matthias mentioned they tracked volunteer hours/in kind for Sister Cities
 - 6,732 hours
 - 168.3 wks = 3.36 full time employees
- Other questions that Corie answered:
 - When the Pfaffenweiler contingent came over in 2015 for the 30th Anniversary, the Strassenfest Committee had special badges for our guests to wear at the Fest. I believe they were the button with a ribbon identifying them as our German guests. Can that or something similar be provided again? **YES! The Strassenfest will absorb the cost of buttons and materials needed, as well as creation.**
 - **Question - would you like each visitor's name to also be on the badge? or something more general, such as "Pfaffenweiler Visitor"**
 - In 2015, the Strassenfest Committee provided free beer to our guests when in the beer garden. Is that an option again in 2025?
 - **YES! Strassenfest will also absorb this cost. Do you have a projection on number of kegs, or approximate cost?**
 - In 2015, one of the Hofmarschalls was from Pfaffenweiler, and in 2005, Matt Hilger's parents were the Hofmarschalls. Do you want to consider someone from Pfaffenweiler for 2025 as well? If so, we can work through the list to determine who could be a good candidate. **YES! Convo above.**
- Steffi Schmuecker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor seconded.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held Friday, November 22nd at 7:30am in the Upstairs Conference Room at City Hall.