

# ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 11/22/2024

7:30 am – Upstairs Conference Room

## **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Lisa Bower

Kim Lottes

Stan Jochum

Steffi Schmuecker

Irene Kapp

## **Guests:**

Mary Leah Siegel

Corie Eckerle

## **CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES**

Max called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

Kim Lottes made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 7, 2024, Partnership Commission meeting. Stan Jochum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Discussion of the 2025 visit from Pfaffenweiler – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

- Finances:
  - Donation of available funds is \$16,600
  - Lisa will reach out to Mike Ackerman on German Club contribution for 2024
- Attendees
  - Diana sent an update list of visitors that will be attached to this email
  - There are approximately 30 family units – 65 individuals
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Monument Project
  - Will receive a draft to share the first week of December. Stan will send it to Max, Matt, and Mary Leah
  - Final cost is \$15,000 from Schum Monuments
  - Stan will work on grants from the Dubois County Community Foundation, Friends of the Arts, Indiana German Heritage Society, and a few personal contacts
  - Official unveiling will be Saturday of Strassenfest
    - Deadline for the Strassenfest book is April 1, 2025
- Scheduled tours/activities while in Jasper
  - Welcome Reception, Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> before Opening Ceremony
    - Lisa will reach out to Park & Rec to see if the Train Depot is available
    - Lisa also to reach out to Arts to see if the Atrium is available in case the depot is not available
    - Wednesday doesn't work as some guests will still be traveling
    - Have simple snacks and water available
    - This is where they will receive their Strassenfest ribbon "Pfaffenweiler Guest" and tickets to the celebration
  - Opening Ceremony

- Lukas to say a few words at Opening Ceremony
    - Welcome the guests and have them sit in a certain spot when they are acknowledged
    - Guests to play music during the ceremony or procession to the beer garden
      - Max to reach out to Chad Gayso and to verify with the Pfaffenweiler group
    - Guests will be able to join the Strassenfest Committee at their keg in the beer garden for a domestic beer
      - Each guest of age will also be given 3 beer tickets for their beer of choice.
  - Partnership Meeting – Friday morning, August 1<sup>st</sup>
    - 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
    - Check with Mayor to see if the City can cover the cost of the lunches since we are no longer having the Welcome event with appetizers and drinks
  - Will the group want to participate in the parade?
    - Diana and Lois have agreed to be the Hofmarschall
    - Visitors to follow behind so they can watch the parade after being in it
  - Museum Tour
    - Make a lump sum donation
    - Stan will figure out the logistics of who will be visiting to get them through faster than each one signing the book
  - Tour of Jasper - Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Two different tours – Manufacturing & City Sites
      - Indiana Furniture
      - City tour – Max will put a map out and run it past Mayor
  - Celebration - Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Mary Leah reserved the date at the KlubHaus
    - No fee for the bldg., just pay for staff
    - Mayor Vonderheide to invite past Mayors for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary toast at the Celebration (Bill Schmitt, Terry Seitz, Dean Vonderheide) (Fritz and Lukas)
    - Continuous slide show to run during cocktail hour
      - Put a call out for photos
    - Build up the celebration during the year
      - Start at the Wine and Dine event
    - Entertainment – check with Jon & Stacey at the Wine and Dine if they would be interested
  - Glockenspiel
    - Contact Valerie Heim if we want to schedule anything for the visitors to present music, etc.
  - Hot Air Balloon Race
    - Contact Steve Wigand to see if Lukas would be able to get up in the air
      - Pending he would want one.
- Update from Corie Eckerle, Strassenfest
    - Diana and Lois will be the Hofmarschall

- The Strassenfest will absorb the cost of the buttons and materials needed as well as the creation. Each guest will receive a ticket for one German Club Meal and one German Pastry
- \$20 in Strassenfest Bucks for use at any food/drink stand – this is different than the ones we are creating for the Friday lunch
- Will order extra mugs in case host families would like to give them as gifts

### **Other Business**

- Gina Schuetter resigned from the Commission, suggestions on replacement will be sent to the Mayor by Max Verkamp
  - Individual needs to be connected to the Greater Jasper School District in order to abide by our by-laws
- In the Christmas Greeting be sure to mention the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Steffi Schmuecker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim Lottes seconded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30am in the Upstairs Conference Room at City Hall.