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Happy New Year!!

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Welcome - Vonderheide (English, translated)

Thank you for attending this event involving our Sister City, Pfaffenweiler and the City of Jasper. The agenda is short to take care of business and allow residents to return to their family and friends to celebrate the New Year. This celebration is fitting in that it culminates a very trying year with an extremely positive outlook on the future.

Introduce Pfaffenweiler Commission Members – Mahler (English)

Lukas Mahler, Burgermeister, Fritz Gutgsell, Dieter Hahn, Carolin Horst, Karin Horst, Dominik Klein, Annika Marschall, Diana Treyer, Fabian Worner.

Introduce Jasper Partnership Commission Members – Vonderheide (English)

Dean Vonderheide, Mayor, Andrea Gramelspacher, Stan Jochum, Irene Kapp, Kim Lottes, Gina Schuetter, Steffi Schmuecker, Max Verkamp and a special thank you to our interpreter, a dual citizen of Pfaffenweiler and Jasper – Matthias Hilger.

Unified Declaration for the future of the Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler, "Partnership Vision 2030!" (Vonderheide, translated)

The partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler was established on May 23rd, 1985, by Mayors Jerome Alles and Fritz Gutgsell. It rests on the pillars of our common origin and heritage; our common history of families that emigrated in the mid-19th century from Pfaffenweiler to Indiana. Since 1985, both communities have been striving for a lively exchange. Not only are family encounters important, but also other encounters, visits and finally the student exchange between the Jasper High School and the Faust-Gymnasium in Staufen.

On a supra-regional level and in diplomatic-political circles, the partnership enjoys a high recognition. In March 2022 the partnership bodies of Jasper had a workshop on the question and planning of the use of private and public funds available.

In July 2022, a joint meeting of the Partnership Committees of Pfaffenweiler and Jasper took place as part of the celebrations of the 37th anniversary of the partnership. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Jasper German Club and Sister Cities of Jasper Inc.

It was a great session in which everyone thought intensely about the future of our partnership. The spirit of this session is the starting foundation of this declaration.

I Preamble: (Mahler, translated)

As part of the anniversary celebrations 2022, we, the members of the partnership committees in Pfaffenweiler and Jasper, in a combined Meeting on July 1st, 2022 have exchanged diverse thoughts on the future of our Partnership. Attendees: Bürgermeister Dieter Hahn, Fritz Gutgsell, Carolin Horst, Karin Horst, Dominik Klein, Annika Marschall, Diana Treyer, Fabian Wörner, Mayor Dean Vonderheide, Ross Halvorsen, Matthias Hilger, Stan Jochum, Darren Patterson, Mary Leah Siegel, Paul Siegel, Max Verkamp

We are very proud of our 37 years of a lively partnership with countless encounters.

We are aware that this partnership is a valuable part of our community life.

We not only want to maintain this partnership but strengthen and expand it.

Our Mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation between our partnership cities – one individual at a time, by developing lifelong friendships through person-to-person citizen diplomacy.

Our climate sustainability is being challenged by current practices. Through our partnership we will support an environmental consciousness in our actions. We will influence our partnership via creating a sustainable future through the actions of our responsible, well-informed citizens.

We would like to share our ideas for the future in this joint declaration.

We want to achieve these goals in regular conversations and meetings.

The Future of the Partnership (Mahler translated)

Our Partnership is now in the fourth decade, marching in large steps towards the fifth. Assuming a human generation is roughly twenty years, we are approaching the 3rd generation.

On our American side we are currently represented by the fourth Mayor helping to shape the partnership, while on German side we have the 3rd.

The mayors are playing an important role, but the community is the driving force in reference to the development. Therefore, many young people are in the meantime also involved on both sides, thus the future is strong.

III The Ideas (on Flipcharts) (Vonderheide, translated)

The ideas by the three working groups were collected on Flipcharts.

IV The Ideas and Guiding Principles

Guiding Principal 1 - Sustainability of personal Contacts

We all realize, just building on personal encounters and exchanges is not enough to maintain our partnership continuously. We want to make the personal encounters and exchanges sustainable and find ways how these short-term contacts can be turned into long term relationships.

Guiding Principal 2 - Common financial Foundation

We are aware, that the creation of ideas of our partnership will require a solid financial foundation. The approach in each community as of today has been different. We want to explore the possibilities of a financial pool and approach the various financial resources to support our mission:

Guiding Principal 3 - Exchange and Encounters

We realize that in the past the many personal encounters from both communities and the High School Student Exchange were the foundation of our functioning partnership. We want to maintain the personal contacts and the student exchange and built upon them with additional Exchange formats. These formats can be very diverse just as the life of our communities.

V Implementation (How should we approach?)

The two Mayors virtually meet monthly to exchange their activities and projects. They are the connection for the necessary actions to implement these common ideas. The Pfaffenweiler and Jasper Partnership Commissions need to meet at least annually.

During these meetings we would gain alignment on priorities, report and document our progress, and discuss where we need help and clear directions.

Approval of Declaration

Jasper Partnership Commission **Max Verkamp (English)**

Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commission **Lukas Mahler (German)**

Signing of Declaration

Each member of their respective Commission will sign the agreement and will receive a beverage with which a toast will be made at the conclusion of the signing..

Congratulations and Celebration Toast (Lukas Mahler, bilingual)