

## ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 6/6/2025

8:00 am – Upstairs Conference Room

### **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Lisa Bower

Stan Jochum

Irene Kapp

Steffi Schmuecker

Mayor

Kim Lottes

### **Guests:**

Matthias Hilger

Mary Leah Siegel via phone

Corie Eckerle

Lauren Verkamp

### **CALL TO ORDER / MINUTES**

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

Kim Lottes made the motion to accept the minutes from May 14, 2025, Mayor Vonderheide seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- Attendees
  - Host Families
    - One family has canceled their trip due to back surgery.
  - T-shirts/Engraved bricks/Plates
    - The bricks have been ordered through the Jasper Chamber
      - Will install two weeks prior to the fest.
      - Nancy Eckerle is working on the location and 2 Sign Guys will install
    - T-shirts are in
    - Plates are done, just waiting on Monte to add the decals to them
  - Host Family Meeting Agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup>
    - Agenda for when guests are in Jasper
      - Demand for host family volunteers during the tours on Tuesday.
        - Not all host families will be able to attend due to space
      - Community Volunteers have offered to help where needed:
        - Gary and Marsha Schnell
        - Irene Kapp
        - Beth Ann Schriner
        - Birnie Jeffries
    - Lisa to create a contact sheet for host families and guests
  - Host Family Agenda
    - Lisa will send out the draft as soon as she gets it updated

- If everyone can take a look and give your input
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Monument Project
  - See the attached document in the email Stan provided at the meeting
  - Get a tent to cover the area to help draw attention to the event
  - Mary Leah will create a handout for the event
  - Mary Leah will bring a cooler of water for the event
  - Mayor to welcome and talk about the history
    - Event should last 20 to 30 minutes
- Scheduled tours/activities while in Jasper
  - Tour of Dubois County Museum - Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Translation – Lisa will reach out to Diana to see who would need this service.
    - Mary Leah will check with Kent to see if he will translate since he will be attending this event as well
    - 10am to arrive
    - 10:15 is the dedication
  - Thursday Reception before Opening Ceremony
    - Translation – Matthias is willing to help
      - Mary Leah will check with Kent and Dan as well.
    - 4pm – Musicians
      - Karin is working with the musicians
    - 4:30pm – everyone else
    - 5:30pm – leave Cultural Center
    - 6pm – Opening Ceremony
  - Opening Ceremony – Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>
    - 6pm – starts
    - Picnic Tables reserved for Guests
    - Lukas to help translate Mayor's proclamation
    - Luran Verkamp offered to help translate scripted documents as well.
  - Partnership Meeting – Friday morning, August 1<sup>st</sup>
    - State of the Cities and Review of Declaration
  - Saturday Night at 6:10 pm – Pfaffenweiler Musicians to perform at the Glockenspiel
    - Approximately 20 minutes
    - Arrival at 5:45pm
  - Parade Update
    - Mike as hay wagons and a driver for the tractor
    - Driver of the tractor, Gene Kiefner, will practice prior to the parade on the parade route
    - Front of the float will be the musicians, and all others will be behind
    - Mary Leah is looking at candy or little frisbees to hand out
  - Tour of Jasper - Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
    - City sites listed on handout in meeting
    - Matthias Hilger to translate, if another translator is needed, we will see about Kent or Dan

- Celebration - Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Lauren Verkamp offered to help translate, would like the documents prior to the event to review
  - Mary Leah to get a list of names to Lisa of dignitaries to invite
  - Lisa to create letter to send to dignitaries
  - Currently have sold
    - 11 tickets at the German Club
    - 2 tickets at City Hall
    - 2 tickets online
- Update from Strassenfest (Corie Eckerle)
  - Everything seems to be running smoothly

#### **Other Business**

- Kim Lottes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steffi Schmuecker seconded.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be held Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am in the Upstairs Conference Room.