

## ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 3/13/2020

8:00 am - Mayor's Conference Room

Jasper City Hall

### **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Mayor

Lisa Bower

Steffi Schmuecker

Andrea Gramelspacher

Sean Jochum

Stan Jochum (via speaker phone)

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

Max called the meeting to order at 8:01am.

Steffi made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2020 Partnership Commission meeting. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **35th Anniversary Trip Celebrating the Sister Cities Partnership**

On Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Mayor reached out to Dieter to discuss the trip and how to proceed with the current COVID-19 epidemic. Dieter wanted to wait until May 1<sup>st</sup> to make a final decision.

After the call with Dieter, Mayor and Lisa reached out to Jackie's Travel to discuss when the deadline for the airlines must happen. Jackie stated we must let her know by March 24 and no later to receive a refund. She also mentioned possibly postponing the trip to 2021 and it would also get us away from the Passion Play that happens in Germany every ten years.

As an update, there are eleven people that have made reservations with Jackie. This is enough people for a discount with the airlines. There are 27 people attending the ceremony. Lisa and Mayor scheduled a call with Dieter on March 23<sup>rd</sup> on how to proceed with the trip.

After a discussion with the Partnership Commission we made a call to Dieter and discussed the trip with him and told him about the discussion with Jackie. Dieter and the Pfaffenweiler Partnership agreed that we should postpone the trip to 2021 for travel and safety concerns. We will touch base later this year to discuss the trip details.

Discussion was having the trip when sometime when the JHS Exchange program is over there. We will need to find out when those dates are.

Max will check with Jackie regarding the \$1,000 deposit. He will also have Jackie reach out to the individuals that signed up through Jackie's Travel about the trip being postponed. Max will put a hold on the chair that we will be gifting.

Lisa will reach out to the list of others going on the trip to let them know of the trip being postponed. She will also send out a news release to the media after those individuals have been contacted.

### **Other Business**

Discussed host family's gifts.

Austin Rothgerber, Crystal Water Designs, gave us a mock-up of the wine glasses and the box. The box has several different options: pictures all around the box, just on two sides, no pictures. There can be a latch or no latch. The group liked the current style of box (pictures all-around of significant places in Jasper) with just changes to the lid. The lid would have just the Partnership logo on it. The quoted price is \$25 total for the box and the two wine glasses. We also discussed selling them after the trip. Lisa will reach out to Austin Rothgerber to see if there is discounted pricing for quantities of more than 50 or 100 and how long the quote is good for.

German Club mentioned to Kim Lottes that the German Club heard the trip was for the people getting old and it could be their last chance of going to Germany.

Strassenfest update from Kim. There will be Pfaffenweiler Wine served at the Strassenfest again this year. They don't make a profit off it due to the keeping the cost low and Allen wanting to make a little off each bottle he provides. There were very good comments from last year about having the wine. It was \$5 a ticket for a small cup of wine. We want to try to promote it as much as we can.

There will be a new ½ pot raffle where the proceeds will go to VUJ for a full ride scholarship. Other proceeds will stay in the community and kept as a rainy-day fund. Presale begins in June and July. If there are any events that Kim or other members can attend to sell tickets let Kim know.

Kim motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mayor seconded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am in the Mayor's Conference Room.