

JASPER PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION MEETING
January 20, 2023 MEETING, 7:30 AM
AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval Minutes
 - 10/26/2022 Meeting with Pfaffenweiler Commission
 - 12/31/2022 Meeting with Pfaffenweiler Commission
- Election of Officers
- Annual Financial Report
- Partnership Declaration – Press Release Draft (See Page 2)
- Discussion regarding 2025 Visit from Pfaffenweiler for the 40th Anniversary
 - Invitation
 - Dates
 - Gifts to travelers
 - Gift to Pfaffenweiler
 - Ideas for tours/activities while in Jasper
 - Partnership Celebration
- Sister Cities Wine & Dine Event – February 11th
- Other Business
 - Next meeting
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Partnership Vision 2030

On December 31, 2022, the partnership commissions of Jasper and Pfaffenweiler signed the Unified Declaration for the future of the Partnership between Jasper and Pfaffenweiler. This declaration was the finalized output from discussions that started back in July when Pfaffenweiler and Jasper celebrated the 37th Anniversary of the Partnership. As part of the anniversary activities, the Pfaffenweiler Partnership Commission hosted members of the Jasper Partnership Commission, Sister Cities of Jasper, and the Jasper German Club in an engaging brainstorming session centered on how to continue strengthening the relationships between the two communities. As a follow-up to the July session and over the back half of 2022, the declaration, which creates the road map for the future, was created and refined through discussions between all of the parties.

The declaration identifies three guiding principles. The first is the sustainability of personal contacts. 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. The second is a common financial foundation. We are aware that the activities to strengthen the partnership will require a solid financial foundation and want to explore various possibilities to support the mission. And the third principle is exchanges and encounters. We want to maintain the personal contacts and the student exchange and build upon them with additional exchange formats. These formats can be remarkably diverse just as the life of our communities.

This declaration is a great sign that both Jasper and Pfaffenweiler are truly committed to the partnership and have a desire to see it continue.