

## ***Jasper Partnership Commission***

Meeting Minutes 6/22/2023

7:30 am – Pfaffenweiler

### **ROLL CALL**

Max Verkamp

Mayor Vonderheide

Lisa Bower

Gina Schuetter

Kim Lottes

Stan Jochum

Andrea Hedinger

### **Guests:**

Matthias Hilger

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

Max called the meeting to order at 7:36am.

Mayor Vonderheide made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 10, 2023 Partnership Commission meeting. Gina Schuetter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Discussion of Burgermeister Mahler's Visit during Strassenfest**

Burgermeister Mahler notified Mayor Vonderheide last month he will be visiting during the Strassenfest – 7/31 – 8/8.

Ruger Kerstiens is providing him with an apartment at Library Square at no cost. Partnership Commission will put together a welcome basket with snacks and Hedinger Beverage will stock his fridge. Lisa will put together a card with contact numbers of Partnership Commission, Sister Cities, and German Club.

Burgermeister Mahler will be getting his own rental car at the airport as he wants this trip to be more about exploring than work. While here he does want to play golf (possibly the Strassenfest Golf Scramble), shoot trap, and shoot clay. He has agreed to be part of the opening ceremony lantern lighting and introduce the glockenspiel one time (all on Thursday so it is convenient for him).

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

Stone cutters will have a mutual project, but to be defined what that looks like. Matthias Hilger sent a document for us to review (see attached). Some discussion points were:

- Consider a design to be relayed into stone carving
- Look at the contest for coming up with a title versus the actual design, then contact someone to design, i.e., Michael Eckert or Jim Corn
- Talk to the experts to see how it can work
- A design to build on every five years

Lisa and Kim will work on ideas for gifts for the guests.

### **Social Media Update**

Mary Leah is currently working on an Instagram page. Pfaffenweiler is working on a Facebook page.

### **Finance Committee Update & Sponsorships**

Legal set-up – Pfaffenweiler created a committee like ours to help with funding.

### **Sister Cities Culinary Exchange**

Kent has organized most of it and applications are out.

When the individual with the culinary exchange returns do they sell their creation to a restaurant and/or give credit to that person for their creation?

Stan wants to be clear about the exchanges (artisan, teacher, culinary) of what we expect in return and what do we want in the investment. Exchange individuals could:

- Blogs/video/photos on social media
- Speakers at local clubs
- They need to be engaged, share, and promote when they return

### **Other Business**

Red, White, and Brauen Music Fest is August 26 at 3pm. Sister Cities of Jasper, with the support of the JPC are organizing the RWB Food Truck selling three sausages, fried potatoes, and something else yet (undecided) for \$10 a meal. They will also sell the biscuits at a low cost. Looking for volunteers to help that day. Lisa will create a Sign-Up Genius with time slots and send it to Matthias and he will distribute. Lisa will get quotes on t-shirts, so everyone matches.

Sister Cities will be a Bronze Sponsor at the Strassenfest this year.

Andrea Gramelspacher motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kim Lottes seconded.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be determined at a later date.