

## YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Meeting - October 13, 2021 - via Zoom, 7 PM to 8:30 PM YTA Monthly Meeting

Call to order/Pledge to the Flag: (7:02 PM by Betty & Doug Stein)

Motion to accept meeting minutes from August meeting –

1<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Grim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Stein. No oppositions, motion carried

Motion to accept meeting minutes from September meeting –

1<sup>st</sup> Larry Homsher, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Homsher. No oppositions, motion carried.

Attendance: (All Via Zoom)

Officers and Chairpersons:

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein (present)

Vice President – Laura Koebnick (absent)

Secretary – Michele Groat (absent)

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell (present)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (present)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Ben Stein (absent with notice)/Jennifer Grimm (present)

French Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Kristin Witmer (absent) and Kristi Spies (absent)

German Adult Exchange Co-Chairs – Hank Groat (present) and Laura Koebnick (absent)

German Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Cameron Murray, (absent) Hannah Heintzelman (present)

12th Night House Tour Fundraising Co-Chairs – Mary and Larry Homsher (both present)

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – JaNeene Powell (present)

Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN

Way/Means – POSITION OPEN

Newsletter – Carolyn Van Newkirk (present)

Webmaster – Ken Krause (present)

Hospitality – Kristi Spies for in-person meetings

Fall Oktoberfest Chair – Hank Groat (present)

Spring Winetasting Co-Chair – Kristin Witmer(absent) Melanie Winters (absent)

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Attendees - Jessica Henning, Jacob Miller

Financial/Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Mary Homsher to approve August financials.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Homsher. No oppositions. Motion carried.

Treasurer JaNeene Powell presented September financials.

Cash flow report for September 2020 through March 2021 showed no revenue and no expenditures (due to Covid)

Cash flow report for April 2021 through September 1, 2021 showed \$1,444.32 in revenue from fundraising, membership, and donations. Expenditures for \$2,380.15 included liability insurance, purchase of Quickbooks, printing of Tete, stamps, and printing of Oktoberfest flyer.

Net revenue for April 2021 through September 1, 2021 was \$-935.83.

Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2021

Santander Bank Balance –	\$11,926.01
Eriksson Savings Balance – Fulton	\$2,929.89
PayPal account -	\$317.42
Total Bank Accounts -	\$15,173.32
Undeposited funds -	\$520.00
<b>Total Assets -</b>	<b>\$15,693.32</b>

Approval of Financials/Treasurer's Report:

Motion made by Larry Homsher. Seconded by Jennifer Grim.

# in favor All # opposed, None. Motion (carried)

JaNeene also reviewed partial budget information for 2022. Committee chairs were asked to review and submit additional information. Discussion about need for additional fundraisers. Betty Stein is exploring having YTA added to the list organizations who participate in the Give Local York fundraising event for non-profits. The event takes place in May. Carolyn Van Newkirk gave reminder about YTA needing to give away funds as a 501c3 requirement. Budget will be presented for further review and vote at November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made to approve Hanna Heintzelman as Co-chair for German student exchange made by Carolyn VanNewkirk. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Krause. No opposition. Motion carried.

Mary and Larry Homsher gave update regarding 12<sup>th</sup> Night event. 9 churches have confirmed to be a part of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Twinning 12<sup>th</sup> Night tour. They are meeting individually with church representatives to review expectations and gather historical information for advertisement and tickets. Still waiting to hear from York Traditions Bank about sponsorship and use of building for base. Students from Logos Academy will be helping at church locations during event as part of their community service projects. YTA volunteers will be needed to

assist at base and church locations during the event. Churches and YTA members will be asked to presell tickets. Committee will meet in October. More information to come in November.

Website – Webmaster Ken Krause asked for additional photos and information to post on the website. Welcomes suggestions. Ken mentioned that he believes the current website expires at the end of December and will need renewed.

### Updates/Announcements from Co-Presidents

Thank you to everyone who attended the Liederkrantz Oktoberfest activity in Lancaster on September 18th. We had a great turn-out and everyone enjoyed the festivities. Thank you to Hank and Michele for their help coordinating the event and providing transportation.

Reminder to committee chairs to forward 2022 budgets to JaNeene.

Reminder to pay membership dues for 2022, membership form was attached to email.

Tete timeline will be updated, there is a mistake on the agenda. News for the December issue should be submitted to Betty Stein by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

An in-person meeting with Exchange co-chairs was held on September 22, 2021 to discuss possible exchange rotation schedule. The following tentative schedule was forwarded to both France and Germany –

2022 – Fall, German students to USA

2023 – Summer – USA Adults to France

2024 - Summer – German Adults to USA

2025 – Summer/Fall – USA Adults to Germany

2026 – Summer – French Adults to USA (250<sup>th</sup> USA Anniversary)

No communications have been received from Germany. French were not in favor of the schedule. A meeting with co-chairs will be planned to revisit rotation schedule and make revisions.

Jake Miller shared that travel companies are aggressively approaching schools to take trips abroad and offer free trips to chaperoning teachers. Prices are much higher than what YTA offers, and experiences are not culturally immersed with host families, but he wanted us to be aware that for-profit organizations are out there as competition.

Betty shared information from Victoria Kageni-Woodland regarding request to add Mombasa, Kenya as another Twin City to YTA. Results of discussion were that it is a great idea, but we are currently stretching to recover from inactivity during Covid lockdowns/restrictions and it is probably not realistic for YTA at this time due to low membership and limited funding.

Betty Stein and Larry Homsher both made contact with York City about the movie rental that was cancelled in 2019. The city park service will honor hosting another movie event in 2022. Thought is to possibly combine showing a movie in the park with Bastille Day celebration

activities Summer 2022. More information will come when the movie schedule is planned in the Spring.

Betty & Doug Stein met with Mayor Michael Helfrich to discuss replacement of Welcome to York signs, that included Twinning information. He is very supportive of our organization. Covid funds received by the city are not available for this project. Mayor has asked his Chief of Staff, Collin Holder, to explore possibilities.

YTA is still in need of a compliance officer. Mayor Helfrich recommended contacting the York Police Officer. Captain Bill Wentz to see if he would be interested. Betty & Doug will follow up with him

Motion to Adjourn - Motion made by Jennifer Grim. Seconded by Hannah Heintzelman. No opposition. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

**\*\*\* Next Meeting – 11/10/2021 7 to 8:30 PM via Zoom**

Minutes submitted by: Betty Stein for Michele Groat, Secretary