YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Meeting - December 8, 2021 - via Zoom, 7 PM to 8 PM YTA Monthly Meeting

Call to order/Pledge to the Flag: (7:00 PM by Betty and Doug Stein)

Motion to accept meeting minutes from November meeting, by Larry Homsher, seconded by JaNeene Powell. Minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – JaNeene Powell presented Financial reports for November and year-to-date January through November. Total liabilities and equity is $15,760.00. Carolyn VanNewkirk discussed building savings to create a fund through York County Foundation. Other discussion concerning moving current accounts to another bank, York Traditions. Approved by Larry Homsher, seconded by Betty Stein. Treasurer’s report passed unanimously.

Attendance: (All Via Zoom)

Officers and Chairpersons:

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein (present)

Vice President – Laura Kobenick (absent)

Secretary – Michele Groat (present)

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell (present)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (absent)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Ben Stein/Jennifer Grimm (both absent)

French Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Kristin Witmer

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

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

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

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

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Additional members attending: Claudia Thune, Amy Matthews

German/French Student Exchanges – September meeting committee vote go/no-go for students. Request from Germany and France to reconsider. New meeting set for December 15th, 5:30PM – 7:30 PM via Zoom and in person at Doug and Betty’s home. Will discuss timelines, deadlines, COVID status and country requirements before making recommendations.

Twelfth Night Update – Larry Homsher reported harpist will play at base. Goodie basket with donations from local businesses will be given away to a volunteer – name pulled to determine winner. Traditions Bank donated $500. Churches will try to sell tickets and will have members available to answer questions and give history summary to visitors. Tickets being sold at Central Market. Save the date cards and Twinning information was handed out to people at tables.

Central Market said we could use their facility at no charge. Jennifer Grim would like people to contact her with baked good donations for 12th Night at jsygrim@yahoo.com

Membership - JaNeene Powell reminded everyone about sending membership dues.

Webmaster - Ken Krause has event listed on Webpage calendar. Will add information and link to Paypal for purchase of tickets. Past newsletters are also posted. Please forward additional information to Ken.

Newsletter – information to be included in the March Tete should be forwarded to Betty & Doug by the middle of February.

Bastille Day – No chair yet. Tentative date – Saturday, July 16th.

Spring Wine Tasting – no report. Information will be shared at February 9th meeting.

Fall – Octoberfest – Hank Groat will check on date for 2022 event.

Updates/Announcements from Co-Presidents

Meetings will continue via Zoom. A few places were contacted to use facilities for live meetings but are all still closed to outside groups due to Covid. Will revisit after the new year.

Reminder there is no meeting in January due to 12th Night event.

501c3 status is up-to-date. Official notice received that BCO forms are approved and processed.

Would like to register as a participant for Give Local York campaign being held May. Opportunity for non-profit organizations to raise money. Need approval for pay $200.00 registration fee.

Motion to approve paying $200 registration fee to participate in Give Local York 2022 event made by Larry Homsher. Seconded by Carolyn Van Newkirk. Motion passed unanimously.

Reminder to send dues and invite new people to join our organization.

Motion to Adjourn - Michele Groat motioned to adjourn, JaNeene seconded motion. Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

**\*\*\* Next Meeting – February 9, 2022 7 to 8:30 PM via Zoom**

Minutes submitted by: Betty Stein, Co-President YTA