

YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Meeting - February 9, 2022 - via Zoom, 7 PM to 8 PM YTA Monthly Meeting

Call to order/Pledge to the Flag: (7:01 PM by Betty and Doug Stein)

Motion to accept meeting minutes from December meeting, by Carolyn Van Newkirk, seconded by Larry Homsher. Minutes passed unanimously. No meeting held in January.

Treasurer Report – Assistant Treasurer, Kyle Groft, presented financial reports for December 2021, January through December 2021, and January 2022. Total liabilities and equity as of December 31, 2021 were \$16,382.21. Total liabilities and equity as of January 31, 2022 were 17,712.22. Kyle Groft also reviewed a financial report for 12th Night event. Carolyn Van Newkirk, Kathy Rauhauser, and Doug Stein discussed need to have additional fundraising. Carolyn will gather information about Community Aid. Kathy will gather ideas from Women’s Club of York. Betty Stein added that YTA is now registered to participate in Give Local York fundraiser in May. Motion to accept financial reports from December and January, by Kathy Rauhauser, seconded by Carolyn Van Newkirk. Treasurer’s reports passed unanimously.

Attendance: (All Via Zoom)

Officers and Chairpersons:

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein (present)

Vice President – Laura Kobenick (absent)

Secretary – Michele Groat (absent) POSITION NOW OPEN

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell (absent)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (present)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Ben Stein (absent), Jennifer Grimm (present)

French Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Kristin Witmer

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

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

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

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – JaNeene Powell (absent)

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 – Kristi Spies (absent), Melanie Winters (absent)

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Additional members attending: Kathy Rauhauser

German/French Student Exchanges – Committee met on December 15th and again on January 26th, from 5:30PM – 7:30 PM via Zoom and in person at Doug and Betty’s home. Exchange timelines, financial obligations, deadlines, COVID status and country requirements were discussed. Decision and recommendation made to forego any adult or student exchanges during 2022. Reasons include concern for health and safety of members of all exchange associations due to Covid and its variants, reservations from members about traveling and/or hosting travelers, a drop in membership to support activities, and limited budget resources due to Covid inactivity.

Twelfth Night Update – Larry Homsher gave a brief update. Noted there are outstanding figures to be added to the 12th Night financial report. Updated report will be shared at the next meeting. Expressed thanks to all who helped with event. Feels event was successful even though Covid/Omicron and the

weather did not cooperate. Had great comments from people who participated on tour and the churches that were open for the event. Many suggestions to repeat the event in the future.

Membership – N/A

Webmaster - Ken Krause updated the website calendar with information about the upcoming Wine Tasting event. Will upload March Tete when it comes out and also will post photos from 12th Night when they are received. Reminded people to forward any additional information they would like posted.

Newsletter – March Tete will be coming out the first week in March. A new section is being added called *What's Your Story?* Betty & Doug would like this section to continue with photos and stories from members about how they got involved with YTA as a way to share memories and reconnect with others. Anyone with stories and photos can email them to Betty Stein at j1j2j31@comcast.net

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

Spring Wine Tasting – Virtual event set for Friday, April 8, 2022, from 6:30 to 8 PM, in lieu of the regular April meeting. Kristina Spies will present a slide show from her most recent trip to Provence. Jeff Baron, sommelier, will be on hand LIVE to discuss wine and answer question about food pairings and wine styles. YTA is encouraging people to gather in small groups with friends, family, and others that may be interested in joining YTA for a night of fun and fellowship. RSVP to Kristi by April 1, 2022 at spies.kristi@gmail.com Zoom link for the event is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83084111003?pwd=Uk1iazdJNTA3SElhL082akhaeE9UUT09>

Fall – Oktoberfest – 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 continue looking for a free facility to use for meetings. Kathy Rauhauser will check on availability of new social hall being built at Wynfield apartments.

Thank you to Michele Groat for serving as our Secretary during our first year as Co-Presidents. We wish her the best as she pursues her Masters Degree and hope she'll continue to stay involved with YTA. The position of Secretary is now open.

Thank you to Carolyn Van Newkirk for creating the Tete newsletter for so many years and for her guidance through our first year as Co-Presidents. Betty will continue the newsletter but would love to have help in the upcoming months.

Betty & Doug attended a workshop run by Leadership York, on January 27th, about fundraising. There are several rules and hoops to jump through in order to legally hold fundraisers locally or on-line. They will be attending another workshop in March.

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

Motion to Adjourn - Larry Homsher motioned to adjourn, Kathy Rauhauser seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:44 PM.

***** Next Meeting March 9, 2022 7 to 8:30 PM via Zoom**

Minutes submitted by: Betty Stein, Co-President YTA