

## YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

### **Minutes for Meeting - May 11, 2022 - via Zoom, 7 PM to 7:49 PM YTA Monthly Meeting**

#### **Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** (7:01 PM by Doug Stein)

#### **Attendance:** (Via Zoom)

##### Officers and Chairpersons:

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein (present)

Vice President – Laura Kobenick (absent)

Secretary – OPEN

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell (present)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (absent)

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

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

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

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

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

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – JaNeene Powell (present)

Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN

Way/Means – POSITION OPEN

Newsletter – OPEN

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: Carolyn VanNewkirk, Michele Groat

Minutes - Motion to accept March meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Motion to accept both March and April Treasurer's Reports, by Michele Groat; seconded by Carolyn Van Newkirk. The Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

Webmaster – Ken Krause reported that he has taken down the fundraiser information for Give Local York. Will keep the photos and information up about 12<sup>th</sup> Night and add statement for people to keep January 2023 open to enjoy our next 12<sup>th</sup> Night Tour. Ken would like additional stories and photos to post.

Bank Accounts – Discussion about transferring bank accounts from Fulton and Santander to Traditions Banks so both savings and checking are in the same place. Traditions Bank was sponsor for 2022 12<sup>th</sup> Night event. Motion made by Carolyn Van Newkirk to move accounts to Traditions Bank. Seconded by Hank Groat. No further discussion. Motion approved. Co-Presidents- Betty and Doug Stein, Treasurer – JaNeene Powell, and Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft will process necessary paperwork to secure transfers.

#### **Updates/Announcements from Co-Presidents**

Email received from Germany – An email was received from Ulrich Wurster. German club is interested in setting up a zoom meeting with some of our exchange chair members the first week in

June. Tentatively sent dates of June 4<sup>th</sup> or June 11<sup>th</sup> as possibilities. He will check with his group and get back to us. We need exchange chairs to confirm they can attend.

Ulrich said that they have a family requesting someone to host a German girl, age 15, privately this summer. Her brother participated in a YTA exchange three years ago.

German teachers are interested in alternate forms of exchange activities including old fashioned penpals, video conferencing until in-person exchanges can resume.

There was discussion about the cost of hosting German students during exchanges. A request was made to get a break down of expenses for past exchange visits. Hank will look for information about past visits.

Give Local York – YTA participated in the Give Local York campaign. Thank you to those who donated. We received on-line donations of \$850.00. A few people reported they were unable to access the Give Local website and will be sending donations directly to YTA. **If you were unable to access the site and/or would still like to contribute, please send your donation to YTA, P.O. Box 21318, York, PA 17402.**

June 8<sup>th</sup> YTA meeting - We are hoping to have an in-person meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Possibility of tour through the Yorktowne Hotel as it is being renovated. At this time it is still a construction zone. People touring must be able to navigate stairs. An elevator is only accessible after going up a few stairs at this time.

Bastille Day celebration – Betty is working with the city to confirm a date, place, movie. Hoping to have a picnic and be able to show the movie *Ratatouille* on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the Kiwanis Lake/Farquhar Park area. If that doesn't work out another picnic site will be offered.

Oktoberfest celebration - Last year our group participated in the Lancaster Liederkrantz Oktoberfest event. We hope to gather a group to attend again this year on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Hank and Michele Groat have been asked to secure a table for our group on that date.

Tete Newsletter – The next issue of Tete will go out in June. Anyone wishing to contribute information should forward things to Betty Stein by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned 7:49 PM.

**\*\*\* Next Meeting June 8, 2022 Live meeting/event Time TBD**

Minutes submitted by: Betty Stein, Co-President YTA