

# YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for Monthly Meeting – October 18, 2023

YMCA (Loucks Room) 90 North Newberry St. York, PA 17401

Held both in-person and via Zoom

## Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

6:41 PM by Betty Stein

## Attendance Officers and Chairpersons Live (unless noted Zoom)

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein

Vice President – Laura Koebnick (absent)

Secretary – Michele Groat

Treasurer – JaNeene Powell

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (absent)

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

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

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

German Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Hannah Heintzelman Molly Wiles

12th Night House Tour Fundraising Co-Chairs – Amy Matthews & Jessica Henning

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – Brandi Whitman

Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN

Way/Means – POSITION OPEN

Newsletter – POSITION OPEN

Webmaster – Ken Krause (attended via zoom)

Hospitality – Kristi Spies

Spring Winetasting Co-Chair – Kristi Spies , Melanie Winters (absent), JaNeene Powell

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

## Attendance of Additional Members/Hosts/Students:

Melissa & Tim Yakim (hosts)

Olivia Snyder (host)

Delilah Linetty (German student)

Simon Knerr (German student)

Katrin Giebel (German student)

Mary Beth & Cate Brown (hosts)

Chiara & Erika Soares (host)

Priyanka Ernhart (German student)

Ron, Shirley and Amelia Cruys (hosts)

Viviana Petrillo (German student)

Deanna Williams

Jack, Emily & Ada Miller (hosts)

Hanna Wertenauer (German student)

Steve, Cheryl and Sarah Vaclavik

Jael Turek (German Student)

Carolyn Van NewKirk

Ken, Jennifer, Paige Mathews (hosts)

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Camille Deloire (German student)  
Jason, Jess and Ethan Martin (hosts)  
David Amann (German student)  
Jeff, Kathy & Zack Gibson (hosts)  
Frederick Orgassa (German student)  
Carolyn Van Newkirk  
Mary Dodd (host)  
Matthias Herbst (German chaperone)  
Aylin Yavuz (German chaperone)

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Motion by Janeene Powell to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Kristina Spies. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

JaNeene Powell presented financial reports. Motion made by Kristina Spies to accept Treasurer's reports of Statement of Activity for January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 and Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Hank Groat. Motion carried.

## **Exchange Chair Updates:**

French Exchange next year 2024 – Six students committed in November to travel to France. Three additional students from last year's trip that was cancelled are interested.

German Adult Exchange scheduled for 2025, budget and overall plan to be submitted by Hank Groat and Laura Koebnick by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Student exchange with German's visiting York is currently in process with 10 students and 2 adult chaperones.

## **Updates from Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein**

Adult & Student Exchanges Schedule (decided by co-chair committee)

2023 Fall – LE students visiting York (in process)

2024 Summer/Fall – LE adults visit York (tentatively September)

2024 Summer – York students visit LE; York students visit Arles; Arles students visit York

2024 Fall – LE students visit York

2025 Summer – YTA adults to visit LE

2026 Summer – Arles adults to visit York

USA 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary & USA/France Connection

Recognition of York/Arles 72 Year Connection

## **Summer Social – Social/Bastille Day - OPEN for 2024**

Successful event held on 8/13/23 at the Stein's residence.

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### Fall Oktoberfest party – Hank & Michele Groat

Successful event held on 9/17/23 at the Lancaster Liederkrantz, Manheim PA.

### 12th Night Holiday Tour - Amy Matthews & Jessica Henning Co-Chairs

Date set for Sunday, January 7, 2024. The intention is to use Box Hill as our base since a non-refundable fee was already paid to reserve a room there for a reception following the 2023 Holiday tour. The room was not used due to a cancellation of the representative from the French Embassy. The fee only includes a 3 hour room rental, not any food or drink, which would be an additional and separate charge. Box Hill will not allow YTA to bring food and drink into the Box Hill facility. The reservation must be used by January 2024. Additional committee members – Chris Moulton, Jennifer Grim, Laura Koebnick, Betty & Doug Stein

### Membership – Chair - Brandi Whitman

Additional committee members - Kim Whitely, JaNeene Powell, Mary Dodd. First issue of membership list was sent out via email. The list will be updated in January and resent later in 2024.

Carolyn Van Newkirk suggested giving people who had their homes on the 12th Night Tour a free 1 year membership to YTA as a thank you and to encourage them to attend events and join in the future.

### Webmaster:

Ken Krause is willing to post information sent to him at [tp148.1@email.com](mailto:tp148.1@email.com)

### Newsletter:

The last Tete newsletter was sent out at the beginning of March. If anyone has information or photos to include in the next Tete please send to Betty Stein by November 15<sup>th</sup> at [j1j2j31@comcast.net](mailto:j1j2j31@comcast.net)  
Perhaps either student or adult travelers would be willing to share their experiences.

### Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 PM:

Meeting adjourned. Meeting will be followed by social gathering of York and German exchange students and other attending members. Slide shows from the Arles summer trip and York student summer trip to Germany will be shared.

### New Business

None to Report

### Minutes submitted by:

Michele Groat, Secretary YTA

**Next Meeting November 15, 2023 – Board/Budget Meeting**

**December 13, 2023 Meeting - tentative pending budget approval in November.**