

# YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes for Monthly Meeting –June 19, 2024 – YMCA (Loucks Room) 90 North Newberry St. York, PA 17401 and via Zoom

### Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

6:35 PM by Co-Presidents Betty Stein & Doug 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 (zoom)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (zoom)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Jennifer Grimm (absent)

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

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

German Student Exchange Chairs – Molly Wiles (absent)

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

General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN

Membership/Dues – Brandi Whitman (absent)

Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN

Way/Means – POSITION OPEN

Newsletter – POSITION OPEN

Webmaster – Ken Krause (zoom)

Hospitality – Kristi Spies

Spring Winetasting Chair – JaNeene Powell (zoom)

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

### Attendance of Additional Members

Terry Loucks

Allison, John and Leah Altman

### Via Zoom

Mary and Phil Dodd

Kristin Witmer

Lisa Rummel

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No questions on the previous minutes, motion by Amy Matthews to accept minutes. Motion seconded by Hank Groat. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

JaNeene Powell presented Treasurer's reports Information; discussed exchange transaction with British Air to reimburse YTA members who were delayed in London after Arles visit. Assistant Treasurer, Kyle Groft, had no additional comments.

Net Revenue as of May 31, 2024 - \$15,080.69

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Total Liabilities and Equity as of May 31, 2024- \$43,158.96

Net Revenue for May 2024 \$7,347.41

Michele Groat motioned to approve the Treasurer's report and Amy Matthews seconded. Motion carried.

### Other Business

Seven scholarships were awarded to students. Motion to move \$2400.00 from checking to savings (scholarship fund) for future use. Motion to approve by Amy Matthews, seconded by Hank Groat.

Doug Stein shared that the goal of all exchanges is to be cost neutral so fundraising is not required. We believe that both France and Germany receive government funding to assist with exchanges, however YTA does not receive any funding for our organization which makes funding our visitors during exchanges challenging.

Signs formerly posted in a few York locations marketing Twin cities have been removed due to disrepair.

### Exchange Chair Updates:

#### French Student Exchange

Kristi Spies provided update that students five students are traveling to Arles June 23, 2024 through July 7th, 2024. Leah Altman attended meeting as one of the students traveling. Kristi shared that students under 18 years old are now required to complete a consent to travel form for safety purposes. Passports must also be signed by students. Students have been invited to attend a reception June 26, 2024 with the Mayor in France as part of the 70th Anniversary celebration. Amy suggested posting photos from exchanges on social media. French host students will return with American students for a 2 week exchange.

German Adult Exchange – Meeting was held at the Gift Horse Brewing Company - attended by Hank Groat & Laura Koebnick, Michele Groat, Betty & Doug Stein, Bettina Koef & husband, Jennifer and Jack Grim and the Reimeyers. It was a productive meeting with dates and itinerary decision making. Events are posted in the Juen Tete.

German Student Exchange – Molly Wiles said eleven students will be traveling to Germany.

They have 16 students and 2 adult chaperones who will be visiting around October 11<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. YTA members and volunteers are needed to help with hosting students, the chaperones, and are need as drivers and chaperones for day trips. More information to follow closer to the date.

Seven YTA members participated in a Zoom meeting with the German LE club during a dinner they were having to celebrate 40 years of friendship with York. Many attending will be visiting York in August and September. YTA member, Kristi Spies, was in Germany and attended the dinner.

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### Future Travel Planning Dates

September 2024 – a few YTA members volunteered to visit Arles, France to represent York at the French Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in September. It is not a regular YTA trip. Lee & Laura Koebnick, Linda Just, and Carolyn Van Newkirk are currently scheduled to go. York's Mayor Helfrich, and former YTA exchange members Courtney Shumway will also attend to represent York. Mayor Helfrich will sign the new charter. Laura Koebnick will present a gift from YTA to the Arles Club.

2024 Summer – French student exchange June/July

2024 Summer – LE adults visit York (end of August/early September)

October 2024 – German students visiting York

2025 Summer – YTA adults to visit LE

2025 Summer/Fall – French & German student exchanges continue

2026 Summer – Arles adults to visit York for USA 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & USA/France/York 72 year connection

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### Summer Social – Social/Bastille Day

Reminder - Bastille Day celebration with French Exchange students will be held July 24, 2024 at the Stein residence.

### Fall Oktoberfest party – Hank & Michele Groat – Lancaster Liederkrantz September 22, 2024

Lancaster Liederkrantz/Weekend of September 20-22, 2024 details provided closer to the event.

### 12th Night Holiday Tour - Jessica Henning/Amy Matthews

Twelfth Night – Save the date, January 5, 2025. Mary Dodd has an artist she traveled with to Arles that may be able to provide artwork for an exhibit at this event. Amy ([amymatthews@hotmail.com](mailto:amymatthews@hotmail.com)) will be setting up a committee for this event.

### Webmaster:

Please submit to Ken Krause information to share on our website at [tp148.1@email.com](mailto:tp148.1@email.com). Ken indicated we have had more hits since COVID on our site.

**Additional information:** Amy Matthews suggested challenging Board members to all make a donation to YTA so that YTA can market 100% Board participation and financial contribution to YTA.

### Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm

**Minutes submitted by:** Michele Groat, Secretary YTA

**Next Meeting, Wednesday, August 121, 2024  
6:30 PM in the Loucks Room at York YMCA**