YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Minutes for Monthly Meeting – April 15, 2026 – YMCA (Loucks Room)
90 North Newberry St. York, PA 17401 and via Zoom

Attendance Officers and Chairpersons Live (unless noted Zoom)
Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein
Vice President – Laura Koebnick (absent) - POSITION OPEN FOR 2026
Secretary – Michele Groat
Treasurer –JaNeene Powell (absent)
Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (zoom)
French Adult Exchange Co-Chairs – Jennifer Grim (absent), Diane Reimert (absent)
French Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Kristin Witmer & Kristi Spies
German Adult Exchange Co-Chairs – Hank and Michele Groat
German Student Exchange Chair – Molly Wiles, CO-CHAIR POSITION OPEN (absent)
12th Night House Tour Fundraising Co-Chairs – Amy Matthews & Jessica Henning
General Fundraising Chair – POSITION OPEN
Membership/Dues – POSITION OPEN
Marketing/PR – POSITION OPEN
Way/Means – POSITION OPEN
Newsletter – Betty Stein
Webmaster – Ken Krause
Hospitality – Kristi Spies
Spring Winetasting Chair – JaNeene Powell (absent)
Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Attendance of Additional Attendees
Kyle Groft (Zoom)
Joanne Nosoff
Audrianna Dusseau
Mrs. Dusseau

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Betty presented the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion by Amy Matthews to accept minutes. Motion was seconded by Joanne Nosoff. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:
Treasury Information presented by Kyle Groft. He included information that a CD was purchased at ACNB Bank (York Traditions) for $15,000.00 at 3.69% interest rate. It was signed by Assistant Treasurer, Kyle Groft and Secretary, Michele Groat; finalized February 25. 2026. It will mature in 13 months on March 25, 2027. Motion by Jessica Henning to accept Treasurer's reports. Motion seconded by Hank Groat. Motion carried.

Exchange Chair Updates:
French Adult Exchange – Co-Chairs Jennifer Grim and Diane Reimert. Betty gave a brief update submitted by Jennifer Grim. The number for the adult exchange has dropped to three which is Marie-France, her husband,

and their adult son. Per Evelyne and Marie's request Doug and Betty sent an invite to the Arlesian mayor. A sign-up sheet for members will be sent out next week for those who have not already given their choices and for those instructed to wait for the form. The deadline has been extended to May 15th. Jennifer will be reaching out to those who indicated an interest in hosting Marie's son. The next French adult exchange meeting will be held via Zoom on May 26, 2026, at 7 PM.

French Student Exchange – Audrianna Dusseau and her mother were introduced by Kristen and Kristi. Audrianna is the only YTA student that will participate in a student exchange to Arles this summer from July 12th to July 27th. Audrianna was presented with a YTA scholarship that will help her with travel expenses. Kristi Spies will go as a chaperone. They will return to the US with a French student on July 27th and that exchange extends until August 10th. There are plans to have a welcome party, and both students will participate with visiting French adults on the trip to DC and the farewell dinner.

German Adult Exchange – No news to report. Many YTA people have remained in contact with their LE hosts from last summer's exchange.

German Student Exchange – Betty share information provided by Molly Wiles. 14 students, from 4 different York/Adams County High Schools will represent YTA on the exchange to LE from July 12th to July 25th, 2026. Lynn and Leah Leonard will be the adult YTA chaperones. 16 German students and 2 adult chaperones are scheduled to visit York on an exchange from October 9th to the 21st.

12th Night Holiday Tour - Jessica Henning/Amy Matthews
Renee and Jeff Miller have agreed to open their home for the January 2027 12th Night Holiday Tour. They are talking with their neighbors to secure additional homes for the tour.

Give Local York 2026 – GLY is set for April 30 and May 1, 2026. The event will be held from 9 PM April 30th to 9 PM May 1st. Two matching donors have been secured; Jake Miller, Jr., for $1,000.00 and Krouse Travel for $250.00. Betty and Doug are scheduled to promote YTA via livestream at 3:19 PM May 1, 2026, at Keystone Kidspace.

Wine Tasting – The annual wine tasting event will be held this year on April 18, 2026, at Lavender Acres. Cost is $40.00 per person. People interested should contact JaNeene Powell at 717-858-2966 or JaNeene.Powell96@gmail.com

Summer Social / Bastille Day – Betty & Doug Stein
Since both French students and French Adults will be coming Summer 2026 the celebrations will be combined with the farewell dinner on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Lake Meade Community Center. Dinner will be catered. There will be a DJ providing music and will do calling for country line dancing. Cost for French adults and students will be covered by YTA, cost for members is $25 per person.

Oktoberfest – Hank & Michele Groat
Date for 2026 is Sunday, September 20th. More information to come.

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Tete Newsletter – Today is the deadline for Tete information to be included in the June Tete. The next issue comes out in September. Anyone having information for the September Tete should send information to Betty at j1j2j31@comcast.net no later than August 15th.

Updates from Co-President -

Signage – Doug and Betty met with Interim Director of Public Works for York City, Jim Gross, to discuss replacing old signage. He will provide them with a letter from the mayor's office confirming that the city will install and take responsibility for maintenance of the new signs. They also met with a representative of YCCF to discuss grant writing for the signage. They hope to also meet with the new Mayor, Sandie Walker. The plan is to be to secure funds and be able to have signs at the entrances to the City of York and by the Colonial Courthouse completed and installed sometime during York's 250th.

Betty and Doug talked with some people at the former Lafayette Club, now the Gunter-Smith Center for Community Engagement which is owned and operated by York College of PA. They learned that rooms are available for non-profit organizations to reserve for use at no cost. It may be a location to consider for a future YTA meeting or event.

Webmaster:
Ken Krause attended in person. He asked that people submit information to him to share on our website. His email address is tp148.1@email.com

Old Business -
Many positions are still open for YTA officers. Betty and Doug Stein indicated they intend to resign as Co-Presidents at the end of 2026. They will stay involved at a lesser capacity. YTA needs one or more persons to fill the VP position in 2026, interested in taking over as President or Co-Presidents. Please share if you are interested in serving in one of the open positions.

Hank Groat motioned to adjourn. Ken Krause seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

Minutes submitted by: Michele Groat, Secretary

Next YTA Meeting – Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:30-8:30 PM at York YMCA Loucks Room (with Zoom option)