



York Twinning Association, Inc. Board meeting minutes Tuesday November 15th, 2016

Call To Order: November 15th 2016, 7:14pm York Country Day Performing Arts Center, Indian rock Dam Rd, York, PA. Those in attendance included: [From the board] Carolyn Bruce, Kristi Spies, Kristin Witmer, Mike Cuba, Mary Dodd, Hank Groat, Linda Nestor, Carolyn Van Newkirk, Roger Nestor, JaNeene Powell, Harrison Schwartz, Lori-Renee Weyant, Claudia Thune and Craig Boyer. Also in attendance were Students, YTA members and interested members.

Events and Important upcoming dates:

DECEMBER 11TH - Holiday shopping party and social afternoon at Lori Rene's Sunday December 11th, 2375 Ashleigh Drive in York Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM All members, family members and friends are welcome – baked goods, Pink Zebra soy candles, Just Jewelry, Pampered Chef, LuLaRoe leggings & clothing, HotShine car washes and More... get your holiday shopping done, proceeds benefit YTA, ~ Come ALL - Mark your calendar for an afternoon of food and fun holiday shopping!

DECEMBER 13TH - Board meeting 7:00pm 25 N. Duke St. York

Treasurers Report - Mike Cuba – It is membership Dues time, please pay your 2017 membership dues if you have not done so already. (see membership dues form on website).

Communications: Two Grants - Carolyn Van Newkirk discussed the two grants that the Club has applied to - 1st is a Non-Profit grant thru the York County Community Foundation that we applied for at the end of September for the City of York, York High School. If awarded, this grant will allow City of York High student inclusion in the YTA program. - 2nd Grant is thru York College Political Science class to award a non-profit Grant in the City - we applied to acquire marketing materials approx \$5,000.00 grant, where if awarded would allow us to create Pamphlets, Flyers, pop-up banner and Video to spread the word of the club and increase interest and membership.

Committee Reports:

FRENCH ADULT - Mary Dodd, Adult Travel to Arles Sept. 8th Amazing trip, very organized, over the top, wine and dined and extremely well cared for by the hosts in France. Thank You Mary Dodd for all of your coordination - Excellent Trip!!

FRENCH STUDENTS - Kristin Witmer Coordinator - we had 5 Students from Arles France travel to York, and we had two students from York Travel to Arles.

GERMAN ADULT - Craig Boyer - 2018 Adults travel to Germany, 2019 German adults travel to York

GERMAN STUDENTS Hank Groat, JaNeene Powell. Visit Oct 14th - 29th 2016 Incredible schedule included: Gettysburg Trip, Harley Davidson, Martins, Brown's Orchard, Washington DC, School Day, York College/Laser alley, Lancaster Day Amish house, York City Agriculture museum, Mayor Bracey, Baltimore MD, Hershey Choc world. German Students has a Great time - Thank you to all involved for the amazing experience you offered to the students! NEXT GERMAN STUDENT TRIP DATES: June 21st - July 6th 2017.

WAYS AND MEANS

Fundraiser: Dec. 11th Holiday Shopping party at Lori Rene's, mark your calendar 2-5p at 2375 Ashleigh Drive - spread the word

Future fundraisers; Sub sale, Car wash, and French dinner next May/June, German dinner as well. **GOAL:** Treasurer projected need for \$30,000.00 within three years.

HOSPITALITY: Thank you to Kristi Spies for arranging the location for the meeting and the night, and Thank You to Pastries of France for providing French Pastries for dessert ~ Pastries of France, 25 S. George Street, York, PA

OLD BUSINESS – No old business to review

NEW BUSINESS:

Students discussed their Trips to Europe:

Abraham Miller - York Country Day Student - His Journey to France & Back; Van Gogh Museum, Pont Du Gard, Coliseum in Arles, Bull event, Art Exhibit in Old quarry, Nice - large joyful city, and then the French Student Hugo (who is now like family to Abraham and he considers him a brother) travel back to York and - Philadelphia - liberty Bell, Segway riding thry historic streets in Philly, Outer banks NC for a week with his family, Abraham thanked the YTA for the trip opportunity.

Gretchen Z - West York Student - traveled to Germany this summer, and hosted this fall. Departed June 28th - Boat trip, vineyards, Stuttgart Germany, shopping, Markets, concert, Cinderella castle, Alps, Austria, Ludswigsburg palace, beautiful gardens, Munich, site seeing, Dochau educational & emotional, Echterdingen museum, Soccer tournament, Mercedes Benz museum, amazing architecture, festival of lights

Carolyn Bruce regrettably has to step down as YTA president at the end of the year, she submitted a formal resignation letter. We also have positions to fill for Mike Cuba Treasurer and Harrison Swartz director. Thank you all very much for your time effort and dedication to the YTA over the past year.

Nominating Committee

We have 3 Governing Board vacancies to fill starting in January.

President

Treasurer (Claudia Thune has graciously offered to step in and can start the beginning of the year, need to confirm and formally approve this)

Director - Marketing/Student Outreach

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

- ***Next Board meeting:*** Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 PM 25 N. Duke St., York

We encourage everyone, if you know of a York County High School student interested in the German or French Student trips, or if you know of an Adult interested in joining the York Twinning Association, please get in contact with the York Twinning Association.

Spread the word and remember to join us on Sunday December 11th starting at 2:00pm for the Food and Fun Holiday Shopping at Lori-Renee's 2375 Ashleigh Drive in York.

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Our Mission is to create personal contacts while gaining mutual respect and international friendship through organized exchange programs with our twin cities.

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