



(Revised)

## York Twinning Association, Inc. Board meeting minutes - Tuesday October 25th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at 25 N. Duke St. York, Pa

Those in attendance included: Carolyn Bruce, Kristi Spies, Kristin Witmer, Mike Cuba, Mary Dodd, Hank Groat, Linda Nestor, Carolyn Van Newkirk, Adrienne Williams, JaNeene Powell and Craig Boyer

### **Important upcoming dates:**

**NOVEMBER 15TH** - Our next meeting is an Open membership meeting to all Twinning members and potential members - Date will be Tuesday Nov. 15th 7:00pm at the York Country Day Anne Barshinger Performing Arts Center at 1000 Indian Rock Dam Rd in York - Please mark your calendars and spread the word

**DECEMBER 11TH** - Holiday shopping party at Lori Rene's Sunday December 11th 2375 Ashleigh Drive Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

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

**Treasurers Report** - Mike Cuba - handout provided and attached. Continue to track costs/expenses so we can budget for the future.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mary Dodd and Carolyn Van Newkirk discussed the two organizations in Arles – 1) Club Des Jumelages de la Ville D'Arles (Marguerite Arzac, Presidente), Pour le Comite de jumelage Arles-York (Evelyne Laurant, Presidente) and 2) A private non-profit organization entitled Living Languages in Provence headed by Karin Lopez. Decide who we want to work with - pros and cons of both organizations for student exchanges.

We discussed clearances for host families - a must - more details will follow through Roger Nestor, Compliance Officer.

We moved up the next general meeting one week to Tuesday November 15th 7:00pm at York Country Day Performing Arts Center. *Donation is expected for use of building.*

**GERMAN STUDENTS** Visit Hank Groat, JaNeene Powell. Visit Oct 14th - 29th 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 - need to set a Strict age limit 13/14 Too young, age 15+ Must. Thank you to all involved for the amazing experience you offered to the students!

We discussed the importance of a paper trail and documenting and tracking costs, and evaluation of exchange programs, including adults and students.

Student and adult program expenses - need to budget

Evaluation sheet implementation - what worked well and what needs improvement Who will monitor evaluations?

**WEBSITE UPDATE** - Joni Gonzales will continue to do the Website updates for us, we need one central person to coordinate and monitor the site on a regular basis - Website needs Revamped - Add board of governors, add applications and documentation (Currently our Website is a weakness) update, revamp then review and update quarterly. *Who will oversee this project?*

SOP's - Standard Operating procedures, set up and implement

**FRENCH ADULT** - Mary Dodd - Adult Travel to Arles - Amazing trip, very organized, over the top, wined and dined and very well taken care of by the hosts in France.

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

Hospitality - Kristi - donations from local businesses - Pastries of France possibly.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HAND OUT** - we discussed the urgent need to create a one page handout that discusses York Twinning that we could use to spread the word with schools, coaches, guidance counselors and the community to increase participation (terrorism has hampered travel) Who will compose this handout?

Lewis Miller - American Artist - work displayed in Germany - Carolyn Bruce has a poster and will discuss with Kathy R if we can display it in the old Colonial Court house.

**FUNDRAISERS** Continue to brainstorm ideas - Dec. 11th Holiday Shopping party at Lori Rene's, Sub sale, Car wash, and French dinner next May/June

It was discussed at the meeting, club would like to have a German dinner as well. Need to do aggressive fundraising. Treasurer projected need for \$30,000 within three years.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm

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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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