

YORK TWINNING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for Monthly Meeting –April 17, 2024 – YMCA (Loucks Room) 90 North Newberry St. York, PA 17401 and via Zoom

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

6:33 PM by Betty Stein/Doug Stein 6:34 Pledge to the Flag

Attendance Officers and Chairpersons Live (unless noted Zoom)

Co-Presidents – Betty & Doug Stein

Vice President – Laura Koebnick (absent)

Secretary – Michele Groat

Treasurer –JaNeene Powell (absent)

Assistant Treasurer – Kyle Groft (absent)

French Adult Exchange Chair – Jennifer Grimm (absent) Co-Chair (POSITION OPEN)

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

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

German Student Exchange Co-Chairs – Molly Wiles (zoom) Bethina Koepf (new member)

12th Night House Tour Fundraising Co-Chairs – Amy Matthews & Jessica Henning (both absent)

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

Compliance Officer – POSITION OPEN

Attendance of Additional Members

Carolyn VanNewKirk (with Pink)

Bettina Koepf

Via Zoom

Diane & Bob Reimert

Kristin Witmer

Molly Wiles

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Doug presented Treasury Information, motioned to table report until further clarification on the negative number, (5271.64) Speculating British Airways credit pending? Should have details by the next meeting. 2024 Revised Budget approval motion made by Kristi Spies, 2nd Molly Wiles. Motion carried.

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Funding Requests:

Donation to Westminster Presbyterian Church for storage of archives of \$50.00 –

Motion: Carolyn VanNewkirk, 2nd Hank Groat, Motion carried.

Donation to York YMCA for use of the Loucks Room of \$100–

Motion Carolyn VanNewkirk, 2nd Bob Reimert, Motion carried.

Presidents have requested details for budgets from the Chairpersons of the German Adult, German Student and French Student Exchange to include food/beverages and excursion costs be forwarded by May 15th so they can be added to the June Tete.

Exchange Chair Updates:

French Student Exchange

Kristin Witmer – Tickets were purchased, students and chaperone will fly out of Philadelphia on June 23rd, arrive in Marseilles June 25th, return July 9th with their French counterparts. Base tickets were \$1600.00 per person, additional charges later added from airline and YTA to make cost for returning German exchange excursion cost neutral. Final cost per traveler was \$2100.00. Five students traveling, Kristin is chaperoning. We are waiting for one payment to arrive to be deposited into our YTA account, Kristin has been in communication and is confident this will be resolved by the next meeting scheduled for exchange students on May 10th. French and YTA students and host families will attend the Bastille Day picnic open to members on July 14th. Farewell dinner will be held for students and host families at Kristi Spies's home. Co-chairs have asked for ice cream and mini-golf to be included in the visit, should not require additional funding.

German Adult Exchange – Dates have been set for August 29th through September 5th; this will take place over the Labor Day weekend. Ullrich communicated they would have twenty travelers, including their new Mayor. Hosts have been found for all the travelers at this time. Five travelers are under the age of twenty-one. We will need assistance with drivers and chaperoning day outings. Planning their itinerary and schedule is in-process, more to follow. Meeting scheduled at the Gift Horse, April 20th, for participants and supporters; more to follow at the next meeting.

German Student Exchange – Eleven students will be traveling June 16th, returning June 30 to Leinfelden-Echterdingen, Germany. Adrianna Clinton is chaperoning this trip. They have 20 students who will be visiting October 11-25th. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this exchange, hosts for the additional students, drivers and chaperones for day trips. More information to follow closer to the date.

Future Travel Planning Dates

September 2024 – trip to France not sponsored by YTA, but independently to represent YTA at their 70th Anniversary celebration of friendship with Arles, France. Currently, Lee & Laura Koebnik, Carolyn VanNewkirk and Linda Just are scheduled to go. Carolyn expressed some concern that YTA was not funding anyone on this trip. The trip is on your own, but the French exchange representatives will be providing accommodations. French counterparts agreed to accommodate five to six representatives, slots are currently filled.

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Leinfelden-Echterdingen is also celebrating their 40th anniversary of our twin cities on June 15th, and have invited any members to attend their celebration, if no one is able to attend. They have asked if we could provide a video or zoom call, tentatively Doug and Betty Stein may be available to host this call around 1pm-2pm time frame on June 15th. They anticipate a call to last less than one hour.

October 2024 – German students visiting York

2025 Summer – YTA adults to visit LE

2026 Summer – Arles adults to visit York

USA 250th anniversary & USA/France Connection

Spring Wine Tasting – Social Revival Club held - Saturday, March 9, 2024 the event was well attended; four wine samples and charcuterie for our sister city regions were served.

Summer Social – Social/Bastille Day

Bastille Day celebration with French Exchange students July 14, 2024 at the Stein residence, details to follow in the June Tete.

Fall Oktoberfest party – Hank & Michele Groat –

Lancaster Liederkranz/Weekend of September 20-22, 2024; details will be provided closer to the event.

12th Night Holiday Tour - Jessica Henning/Amy Matthew (absent)

Twelfth Night – Jessie Henning and our Presidents were optimistic that next year’s Twelfth Night would have more homes committed as they already had several interested. Save the date, January 5, 2025. This year’s profit was \$5,027.61; a great effort for all involved.

Webmaster:

Please submit information to Ken Krause tp148.1@email.com to share on our website at.

Newsletter:

The March Tete newsletter was sent out with the agenda, prior to this meeting. If anyone has information to include in the June Tete please send to Betty Stein by May 15th.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm

Minnutes submitted by: Michele Groat, Secretary YTA

Next Meeting, Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the YMCA Loucks Room @6:30pm to 8:30pm