



York Twinning Association, Inc. General meeting minutes Tuesday MARCH 28TH, 2017

Call To Order by new President Mr. Joel Reiter: March 28th, 2017 7:012 at Country Meadows, York, PA. Those in attendance included: Joel Reiter, Adrienne Williams, Linda Nestor, Roger Nestor, Mary Dodd, Carolyn VanNewkirk, Hank Groat, Harrison Swartz, as well as general YTA members and guests.

→ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MAY 14TH FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY STREET FAIR

EVENTS & IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES {Mark your calendars!} ← NOTE

YTA 2017 Dues 2017 YTA membership form is available on the website.

April 25th 7:00pm – Next Board meeting (board meetings are open to all members if they wish)

SUNDAY MAY 14TH – MOTHER'S DAY FAIR (NEED VOLUNTEERS)

Wine Tasting Fundraiser – Tuesday May 23rd 7:00pm – place to be determined, possibly the Holy Hound again like last year (microphone provided)

Blue Heron French Dinner Fundraiser – Sunday June 25th – 5:30pm at the Blue Heron in York, \$50.00 per person. Please all YTA members commit to promote this fun event. (Contact Lori Rene for tickets at Lorirene1@hotmail.com)

Looking for a French Adult Co-Chair – Mary Dodd will be stepping back end of this year – if you know anyone interested have them get in touch with Mary Dodd.

Actively seeking a meeting place to call Home – Still seeking meeting places for our General meetings and a consistent place to call home - Many options and lead out there (Non-profit house, Jessica & Friends on Indian Rock Road).

DONATED TO TWINNING – A German Exhibition Poster American Artist Mr. Louis Miller from the 1800's – donated to YTA and we have been granted permission by Betty Stein of the Historical Society to display the poster 2nd floor of the Colonial Court House.

A YTA Retractable Sign Was ordered by Adrienne Williams at Nefra so we will have the pull-up banner retractable sign for use as needed.

Treasurers Report - Claudia Thune Treasurer

Committee Reports:

FRENCH ADULT - Mary Dodd will step down at the end of 2017. She will assist with the French adult exchange but will not continue into 2018 – LOOKING FOR A FRENCH ADULT CO-CHAIR.

FRENCH STUDENTS – Kristin Witmer, Kristi Spies – YTA will not be doing any French Student exchange this year 2017, but will ramp up early and coordinate to be strong in the future. Working on making travel requirements all uniform among all groups.

GERMAN ADULT - Craig Boyer - 2018 Adults travel to Germany, 2019 German adults travel to York. 2017 will be our building year.

GERMAN STUDENTS JaNeene Powell, NEXT GERMAN STUDENT TRIP DATES: June 21st - July 6th 2017. 16 students and their families all active members with paid membership dues to YTA. Two Chaperones – Mr. Cameron Murray, and Ms. Hannah Lane. (March will kick off preparations for 2018 travel – 18 month program – Hosts in October of 2017 will travel in 2018).

WAYS AND MEANS : Lori Renee – Continued commitment and active participation from ALL YTA members is appreciated. May 23rd wine tasting fundraiser event. June 25th Blue Heron French dinner fund raiser. Reviving 12th night – build committee – need to know what homes to tour by June, and possibly revive Twelfth night in January of 2018 (YTA Home tours fund raiser)

SPEAKERS – Paul & Melissa Hanko discussed their 2-week excursion to **CUBA**. Very interesting and lively information – Ambassador program with Two Tour Guides. Lots of horse and buggies. Works of Art on the street. Courtyards and Plazas. Government run restaurants. Recycle everything waste nothing. Cigar factory. Ranches. Sugar Cane. Hemingway lived in Havannah. Dogs in Cuba run amuck. Do not drink the water. Bring US money to exchange when you arrive. (may need toilet paper and hand sanitizer) Beautiful lively interesting trip, highly recommended.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark your calendars for the future YTA meetings, 7:00pm the 4th Tuesday of each month (except June and July, no meetings in the summer)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

- ***Next meeting – board meeting:*** Tuesday, April 25th, 7:00 PM

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.

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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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