

YTA Minutes -

August 23, 2016

Meeting called to order on Tuesday August 23rd at 7:03pm by President Carolyn Bruce at 590 Flora Lane, York, PA

Those in attendance included: Carolyn Bruce, Linda Nestor, Mike Cuba, Kristin Witmer, Carolyn Van Newkirk, Roger Nestor, Mary Dodd, Lori Rene Weyant, Kristi Spies, and Harrison Swartz.

YTA MISSION STATEMENT Discussed: To create personal contacts while gaining mutual respect and international friendships through organized exchange programs with our twin cities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ➔ Saturday September 17th 2:00-6:00 Oktoberfest Cherry Lane Downtown York, PA – promote YTA (will need brochures/flyers etc) This also Kicks off the York Restaurant week in downtown York.
- ➔ Kristi Spies is working on a coffee hour/happy hour for the Language Teachers and Kristi will get in touch with Adrienne about brochures/flyers
- ➔ \$10,000 grand submission due date is Sept. 30th 2016 (French adults including Carolyn Van Newkirk who is spearheading the grant is traveling Sept. 8th – 16th to France)

Grant discussion: Big Thank you to Carolyn Van Newkirk for your time and efforts with the possible \$10,000 Grant. (even if the club is not awarded the grant, we will have forms and documentation created that we will continue to use in the future for German and French students and adults) The grant will be written for the French students as a starting point (and in the future can roll out to the German students) If awarded, the grant will be for William Penn students. Discussed concerns with the exchange – if awarded the grant, then hoping 3 Students will travel to France with the ‘scholarship’, then the returning French student will stay with the host family – insure safety and transportation and activities. Considering setting up a ‘Structured’ program – planned activities for the returning French students. Carolyn V will return from France with a letter from the French group outlining what they will do with the students who travel there. Discussed travel insurance for all traveling, and child abuse clearances now mandatory in the Commonwealth of PA. (Thru NCICA or State Police). If we are awarded the grant, the grant money full amount will be awarded to us, and we will have a paper trail showing the money segregated for the William Penn student exchange and keep a running list of how the money is utilized (pass ports, travel etc)

Note → Collectively as a group, we should keep track of our Time/expenses that we put into the YTA – travel to meeting, time, cost to host, time on computer Etc. documented.

York Twinning Association, Inc. – in the 50 year anniversary book (see Carolyn B if you need one) in the appendix there is information with our congressional Report, and great information on the history and formation of our club. It is possible that we may get phone calls from the people issuing the grant.

Treasurer's report:

Mike Cuba. Not a lot of activity this past month. Mike will make monthly reports.

French Adult – Mary Dodd 20 people traveling to Arles Sept 8th-16th. Mary is creating/revising a release waiver to be signed by the adults traveling.

French Student – Kristin Witmer, had 2 students travel to Arles June 25th – July 14th

Ways and means – Lori Rene Selling MR. Hot Shine Car washes – make great gifts
Holiday shopping Party – Lori Rene offered her home again for the one day Holiday shopping party that will include multiple vendors. (Great time!!)

In the spring we plan on having a French Dinner fundraiser again.

Looking at doing 50/50 raffles – possibly raffle a time share. Anyone that can donate a gift card or large electronic item please contact Lori Rene.

Hospitality – Kristi Spies – General meetings possibly at Central Market – coordinate volunteers for baked goods to bring to the meetings. Adrienne volunteered in the past to bring coffee maker.

Community Outreach/Marketing – Harrison Swartz will be contacting schools again this fall, and also contacting ABC27 to get on Good Day PA to promote the Club. (along with Carolyn B.). Can post our flyer/information on bulletin boards around the city.

Formal meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm

➔ **Future 2016 DATES: (7:00pm)**

(Sept. 8th - 16th adult travel to Arles) Sept. 30th Grant submission Due
September 27th - GENERAL MEETING place TBD Possibly Central market
October 25th - BOARD MEETING at Carolyn Bruce's Flora Lane
November 22nd - GENERAL MEETING Place TBD Possibly Central Market
December 13th - BOARD MEETING

Thank you all very much for your time and efforts you put into the club – remember to spread the word about us in the community!