

Centerville Sister City Committee Minutes

June 4, 2019

Members present: Mike Vacchiano, chair, Suzie Holloway, Phil McLaughlin, Carolyn Basford, Cindy Clay. Surinder Jain and Marilyn Hoback were excused.

Mike Vacchiano, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting were approved by the committee.

Treasurer's Report: Phil reported that this year, \$2675 was budgeted (for 2019) from the City of Centerville account. \$1,113.75 was spent on international dues, gifts to be used in 2020 for adult and student exchanges and for special projects. Phil stated that we would need to ask for more in our budget this next year since we will have a student exchange as well as an adult exchange in 2020.

Our Meeting with the Centerville City Council on June 10 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Update on Student Exchange. Cindy attended a presentation at the high school with Emily Schluter and Joe Yuppa . It was held in Emily's classroom and the seats were all filled by students and parents interested in the exchange in 2020 to Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. The teachers were extremely well-prepared with information about the travel portion of the trip and the German homestay too as well as the price, timelines and due dates for student information and money. Emily will be meeting this summer with teachers in Bad Zwischenahn to prepare for the exchange.

Adult Exchange-2020 Cindy will contact Sebine in the Bergermeister's office in Bad Zwischenahn in August to begin discussions concerning an adult visit from Bad Zwischenahn to Centerville in 2020. They last visited Centerville in 2014. She will ask Mayor Compton for an official letter inviting them to visit.

French-Speaking City: The Committee reviewed Councilman John Beals' notes regarding Rotary Club member Sophie's comments concerning Lyon, France and Belgium. After some discussion Cindy made a motion and Suzie seconded it that we would like to accomplish the two exchanges (adult and student) to Bad Zwischenahn, Germany in 2020 and then revisit and concentrate on finding a French-speaking city for exchanges later . The motion was carried.

Upcoming Agenda items:

- Consider Washington Township residents as eligible to be members of our Sister City Committee since both Centerville and Washington Twp. residents participate in our student and adult trips..
- Sort out the possibility of private fund raising by our committee as a non-profit organization. Do we have information concerning having our own 501c3 account?

The next Centerville Sister City Committee meeting will be held at the Police Station Training Room, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Clay