

CENTERVILLE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

APRIL 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mike Vacchiano, Chair. Members present were Carolyn Basford, Cindy Clay, Marilyn Hoback, Mary Pizza, and John Beals, Council Liason.

Surinder Jain was in attendance as a prospective new member of the Sister City Committee. He has been interviewed by the Centerville City Council.

The minutes were approved with a small change in the description of the meeting with John Carroll, Centerville High School Principal.

OLD BUSINESS

Visit from Bernd:

Bernd and his friend from our sister city of Bad Zwischenahn in Germany are taking a trip across the southern United States, starting in Indianapolis, and they stopped here in Centerville for a visit. While here, he was hosted by Carolyn & Jerry Basford. We had a dinner as a group at Sweeney's Seafood Restaurant in Centerville.

GAPP Program at Centerville High School:

Mike, Cindy, and Carolyn met with John Carroll, Principal of Centerville High School, to ask for his support to reactivate the GAPP student exchange program. He was very supportive and understands that the strength of the program is in these exchanges. Carolyn stated that she has received calls from parents who are interested in having their students participate in such an exchange. John said that he would get back to them in about 2 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member:

Surinder Jain, our new member, was introduced and gave us an overview of his background and what he hopes to contribute to the Committee.

Each of us introduced ourselves and gave a brief description of our time with the Committee. John and Cindy explained the history of our Sister Cities and discussed our efforts to obtain a new sister city.

Interview with City Council:

As a Committee, we will be meeting for a short (15 minute) visit with the Centerville City Council on Monday, April 9, at 6:20 p.m. We will discuss our mission, current structure, accomplishments, needs and vision. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the Centerville Police Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pizza, Secretary