

Centerville Sister City Committee Minutes

September 4, 2018

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

Minutes from the previous sister city meeting were not available but instead of the evening June 5th meeting, several sister city members met at 1:00 p.m. , June 5 at the Centerville Library with Emily Schluter who teaches German and French at Centerville High School. Emily is very excited to be helping us revive our German Student Exchange Program with GAPP. She will be taking students from our high school for a trip to Bad Zwischenahn in 2020. Carolyn read correspondence (at this Sept 4th meeting) between Stephi (Bad Zwischenahn) and Emily who are both enthusiastic about continuing the exchange in 2020. We also expect to have an adult exchange in 2020 as well.

We would like to get a 501c3 non-profit status for the committee. Mike will follow up with John Beals in regards to getting this non-profit status.

Treasurer's Report: Phil reported there is a balance of \$1,328 in our fund. There was a discussion as to the amount that should be asked for in the budget for 2019. Phil McLaughlin, treasurer, will follow up as to the amount to be set for 2019.

It was felt that it would be advisable to purchase some gifts etc. ahead of time for the 2020 exchanges. Cindy will take a look at possibilities.

It was announced that Centerville has a newly updated web site located at: www.centervilleohio.gov . It is easy to navigate and mobile-friendly.

Our Christmas get-together will be at the Golden Lamb on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Mary Pizza,
Cindy Clay