

**CENTERVILLE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019 7:00 PM
CENTERVILLE POLICE STATION**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mike Vacchiano, *Chair*, Cynthia Clay, Suzanne Holloway, Carolyn Basford, Surinder Jain.

Mike Vacchiano, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. After welcome and attendance, minutes from October 1, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Remembering John Beals: John Beals, Council Liaison to CSSC, passed away on October 21. He led an active life and was remembered by sister city committee members with personal experiences as a humble, innovative and very successful councilman as well as an engineer. He always brought innovative ideas to expand our activities, increased membership and initiating social interaction between the committee members. He will be badly missed.

Committee Officers for 2020: Phil McLaughlin, Chairman, Mike Vacchiano, Vice Chairman, Surinder Jain, Secretary, Cindy Clay Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance on hand is \$2,625. Actual money spent \$743.25. Committees' increased request for FY 2020 is in City's budget approval process to cover anticipated increased expenditure for student and adult visitors in 2020.

GAPP Update (*German American Partnership Program*): Centerville High School teacher Emily Schluter is the GAPP co-leader for the 2020 student exchange program with our sister city Bad Zwischenahn, Germany. At least 12 students from Germany have been confirmed for the March 14 – 27, 2020 visit to Centerville. An exchange visit to Germany by Centerville High School students is being planned for June 2020.

Adult Exchange Visit in 2020: At least 16 adult fellow citizens from our sister city Bad Zwischenahn, Germany plan to visit Centerville, tentatively May 12 – 15, 2020. Firm dates, how many guests will be here and other details of their trip are awaited.

Centerville Sister City committee is continually discussing 2020 student and adult exchange visit logistics, gifts and other details in every meeting.

Sister city committee will continue to work on the following items for 2020:

- Continue exploring possibilities to establish a new Sister City.
- Increase sister city committee membership.

Next meeting is on *Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm at Brio Tuscan Grille @ Greene.*

Future Sister City Committee Meetings: January-June, 2020: March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by Surinder Jain