

**SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 3, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Carolyn Basford, Chair.

Members Present were: Cindy Clay, Mike Vacchiano, Phil McLaughlin, Suzie Holloway, Marilyn Hoback, and Mary Pizza.

Guests Present were: Emily Schluter and Kim Easley, Centerville French teachers, as well as Lynn and George Reinke. Lynn is a Canadian citizen who has been a long time resident of St Lambert. She has expressed interest in becoming a member of the Centerville Sister City Committee, as she now lives in Centerville.

The first item to be discussed was the possible new Sister City alliance with the city of St Lambert, Quebec. We received a message from their mayor this past month indicating that they were still interested in forming an alliance with us, even though it has been quite a while since the invitation letter was extended to them from our committee.

Since St. Lambert is primarily a French speaking community, the French teachers were present to discuss the possibility of student exchanges with the French speaking students from St Lambert. College Doucher was recommended to us by the Mayor of St Lambert, as it is a private school, and would not depend on a sister city alliance to complete the student exchange. The teachers estimated a target date of 2019 for a student exchange to be planned. They are writing to the school.

A letter was sent from our committee to St. Lambert confirming our desire for a liaison with them. We would like to do an exploratory trip to St Lambert soon.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING: The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our balance is the same as last month, as there were no expenditures this month.

BAD ZWISCHENAHN TRIP, 2017

The final payment for the trip will be due in late July. The additional cost for the Amsterdam extension will be approximately \$500.00 plus meals. There are 21 people committed to the trip at this date, in addition to 4 or 5 additional people for the Elbe River Cruise following the visit to Bad Zwischenahn.

A memo has been sent to City Council members inviting them to join the trip as well.

VOLUNTTER SALUTE: The annual Volunteer Salute will be held on May 19, 6:00 PM. at Yankee Trace. Invitations will be sent out soon.

The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2016, at 7:00PM at the Centerville Police Department in the Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pizza, Secretary