

**CENTERVILLE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING, September 6, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Basford, Chair. Members Present were Mike Vacchiano, Cindy Clay, Phil McLaughlin and Mary Pizza. Excused were Suzie Holloway and Marilyn Hoback.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

**Volunteer of the Year:** Congratulations to Cindy Clay, who received the award at the Centerville Volunteer Salute in May. She received a gift for this honor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sister City in Ontario:** Centerville Mayor, Brooks Compton, received a letter from the Mayor of St. Lambert, Ontario, declining the invitation to be a Sister City to Centerville. There was some discussion about the possibility of independent student exchanges with one of the Catholic Schools in St Lambert. We will pursue this later with the Centerville High School Teachers who would be involved.

**Trip to Amsterdam, Bad Zwischenahn and Elbe River Cruise:** The cost for the additional visit to Amsterdam is approximately \$589.00.

As of today, there are 23 people going to Amsterdam prior to visiting Bad Zwischenahn and 22 for the Elbe River Cruise. The cost for the bus from Amsterdam to Bad Zwischenahn is approximately \$52.00. City Council member, Joann Rau and her husband, Steve, will accompany us to Amsterdam, Bad Zwischenahn and Berlin, but not the cruise.

Linda will let us know when the final payment for the trip, and the additional payment for the Add-On trip to Amsterdam, is due. For the cruise, it will be July 30.

**Gifts for Bad Z:** Carolyn had a suggestion for gifts for the City of Bad Z, as well as for individual host families. Suzie Holloway and Marilyn Hoback are taking care of getting gifts for the Mayor and City of Bad Zwischenahn. These gifts will be obtained from the 2016 budget.

There will be a meeting of all trip participants in the spring of 2017 to familiarize everyone with the basics of the trip to Amsterdam and Bad Z. Mike will prepare a Power Point presentation for this meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned. The next meeting will be on October 4, 2016, at 7:00 at the Centerville Police Headquarters.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mary Pizza, Secretary