

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
Steering Committee Meeting
September 10, 2025
5:30 p.m.
Alexandria Black History Museum
Meeting Notes

Present: Gretchen Bulova, Emerald Christopher, Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Michael Johnson, Jean Kelleher, Nigel Mease, Tiffany Pache, Judith Vaughn, Sarah Whelan.

Excused: Mark Farkas, Rev. Driskell, Paul Glist, Rev. Franklin, McArthur Myers, RaAlim Shabazz, Kennetra Wood.

1. Audrey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. August 8th Remembrance Event for Benjamin Thomas

Positive feedback was received for the event on Aug. 8 in remembrance of Benjamin Thomas. More than 160 people attended, and we sold out of *A Nation Under Our Feet*.

3. Project Updates

Faith Initiative held a robust coffee on the 10th of September. They will host a workshop for clergy on Sept. 17 entitled Better Together to work on building skills to hold discussions and build relationships across divides. This will be followed by a debrief and another coffee with a guest speaker.

Remembrance Student Club has raised \$4759 toward their \$7000 goal for three local field trips and a competition for a scholastic award. The club was represented at a club fair and had interest among about 30 students. There will be a showing of the ACRP documentary on Sept. 19 to encourage more students to join. The first field trip is Oct. 24. We will add local Alexandrians to the chaperon list for the field trips.

Committee of Inquiry is gathering applications for volunteer researchers and preparing trainings for November and December with a launch beginning January 2026.

4. Scholarship Update

To date, \$46,983 has been raised toward the \$150,000 goal. ACRP has provided \$12,000 in scholarships to ACHS students over the past two years.

Two Tables of Conscience Dinners are scheduled this fall.

- Sun. Oct. 12 (8 seats)
- Nov. 14 (8 seats)

Funds raised at these dinners will meet the annual \$6,000 fundraising goal.

5. January Planning Meeting for 2026

Annual retreat is planned for Friday, Jan. 9 from 10-2pm at The Lyceum.

6. Meeting schedule is moving to an almost every other month for the Steering Committee.

Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 9, 2026 from 10-2 p.m.

Mar. 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Apr. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

June 10 at 5:30 p.m.

7. The meeting concluded at 6:26 p.m.