

ACRP Steering Committee Meeting

Alexandria Black History Museum

902 Wythe Street,

Alexandria

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

5 to 6 p.m.

Present: Audrey Davis, MacArthur Myers, Tiffany Pache, David Spinrad, Kennetra Woods, Sarah Whelan.

1. Call to order at 5:11 p.m. by Audrey Davis

2. Recap of Remembrance for Joseph McCoy

Good weather, Debra White (McCoy descendant) was appreciative of the committee's continued work and moved by the ceremony. Call to action from Kim Young, representing Roberts Memorial, was strong and impassioned. 100 participants.

3. Recap Interfaith Conversation

Faith Leaders met to plan it. Good reactions to the content and the panel. 150 participants.

4. Remembrance Student Update

RaAlim Shabazz was not present to provide an update. There was discussion of the need to reschedule the Remembrance Student mini-pilgrimage to the Fall to secure trip funding.

5. Scholarship Update

Award ceremony for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria will be held on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the ACHS auditorium. Debra White and Rev. Taylor plan to attend to present the scholarship awards to the selected student. All are welcome to attend this event.

6. Planning for Benjamin Thomas Remembrance, Thursday, Aug. 8

One idea to do the same thing we did last year, make it a ritual.

Possibility to do the one-word signs and story for Benjamin Thomas.

Discussion of holding it at Penny Hill as we did McCoy, however, in August it would likely be too hot.

Recommendation: at any point we make new signs incorporate the lynching victims ages.

7. Follow up items

Possible locations for the September 21 Screening of the documentary:

Alexandria Film Festival
AMC Hoffman
Little Theater of Alexandria
Signature Theater
Schlessinger Center at NOVA
Masonic Memorial

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 4, Thomas Remembrance Planning Meeting at 3:30 p.m.,
Steering Committee Meeting at 5 p.m.