

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022

7:00pm

Alexandria City Hall – Room 1101

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes from May and June Meeting with edits made to the D-Day overview. Action: Dan introduced the motion of more outreach to local media to cover Committee events.
- III. Ongoing Business
 - A. Recap of Summer Cookout - It was a success with lots of food options and 5 a la carte entrée choices.
 - B. Recap of Leslie's Visit to Caen – Leslie Tourigny met with Pascal Pimont from Caen Committee, who raised the exchange program. Elodie has had clear communication with Pascal in the past regarding what we can and cannot do on this front. Committee agreed that the best path forward is school-to-school coordination. Action: Jennie Reading will discuss with Jessica Krantz, former committee member and current French Teacher at George Washington Middle School. Pascal noted to Leslie the idea of a pipe band exchange around the Scottish Walk. Action: Elodie and Karem will speak Alexandria Pipe and Drums to make them aware and assess their interest. Leslie will speak to Gretchen.
- IV. New Business
 - A. History Walk/Lecture – Will update at next meeting.
 - B. Fall Programs – History Lecture, Sip & Sketch - Discussed whether COVID permanently changed our expectations on attendance at lectures, but time will tell. Elodie suggested an event, Cocktails and Confections with Annie Lemon, a pastry chef at Chapman's DC. It could be a Valentine's Day event for couples or a singles mixer. Separately, we agreed to find a way to informally meet with our Arlington Sister City cohorts. Action: Elodie to reach out to them.
 - C. Beaujolais Nouveau – Angelique gave an overview of the event that will be the second to the last Thursday in November, the 17th. We will need to get a beer and wine license which will be \$40. Elodie will reach out to Chef Hugh to see if he is interested and Dan to reach out to local media to possibly cover the event.
 - D. Open Floor – We will invite Councilman John Chapman to our October or November Meeting. We will devote of December Meeting to Planning and Budgeting for 2023 and fiscal year 2024.
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Adjournment

2022 Calendar

January – 1/29 Zoom Across the Atlantic

February –

March –

April – 4/30 Farmers Market and May Day Soirée

May –

June – 6/2 D-Day Lecture, 6/4 D-Day Commemoration

July –
August –
September –
October –
November – 11/17 Beaujolais Nouveau
December –