

# **Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee**

## **Draft Minutes**

Monday, May 12, 2025

Alexandria City Hall

### **I. Welcome and Call to Order**

ACSCC Chair Angelique Moss called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. when there was a quorum present.

### **II. Approve April Minutes**

Prior to the meeting, Angelique sent out the draft minutes from the April 2025 meeting to committee members for review. ACSCC member Leslie Tourigny pointed out a correction that needed to be made. ACSCC Eric Trimble introduced a motion, seconded by ACSCC member Candace Harman, that the committee approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Welcome New Member Michael Kutler**

Angelique welcomed new member Michael Kutler to the committee. Michael then introduced himself to ACSCC members. He has lived in Alexandria for 7 years and is a paramedic. ACSCC members each then introduced themselves to Michael.

### **IV. Ongoing Business**

#### **A. D-Day Commemoration 6/1 and D-Day Lecture 6/5**

Most of the meeting was devoted to the D-Day commemoration and lecture, which are two of the committee's major events of the year. ACSCC member Jennie Reading, the D-Day Commemoration Chair, provided a detailed overview of the planning. Also, she raised that:

- ACSCC members are needed to help inventory what the committee has stored at Lloyd House for D-Day and to help pack up items to be brought over to Market Square for the commemoration.
- Voices of Vets is a musical group that will be performing for the first time at the commemoration. Angelique added that they were costing us considerably less than previous musical groups.
- ACSCC members are needed to help out at the commemoration. Jennie asked that volunteers arrive by 10:30 a.m. She said that there will also be some volunteers arriving as early as 10:00 a.m.

Angelique said that the committee needed to vote on the committee's budget for the D-Day commemoration and the ticket prices for the D-Day lecture:

- Michael Bianco introduced a motion, seconded by Leslie, that \$4000 would be set as the budget for the D-Day commemoration. The motion passed unanimously.
- Candace introduced a motion, seconded by Eric, that the ticket prices for the D-Day

lecture will be \$15, and \$12 for Historic Alexandria members. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. French Liberation Lecture 9/25**

There was no new information to report on this.

**C. Helsingborg Viking Lecture 10/16**

Eric said that the first of three planned lectures that ACSCC and the Alexandria Sister City Committee (Dundee and Helsingborg) will be collaborating on highlighting their Viking roots will be the October 16<sup>th</sup> lecture focusing on Helsingborg. He also said that Dr. Jennifer Paxton, who has done lectures for ACSCC in the past, might do one of the three lectures herself. However, she also has a network of other academicians who might be interested in presenting a lecture.

**V. Open Floor and Public Comment**

Anna Maria Kaczmarski attended the meeting to tell the committee about some contacts between a church in Caen and her church concerning music programs.

**VI. Adjournment**

Angelique adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**ACSCC Member Attendees in Person:**

Michael Bianco  
Alex Jevgrafov  
Sydney Johnson  
Michael Kutler  
Brianna Meyer  
Angelique Moss  
Jennifer Reading  
Timotheos Tan  
Eric Trimble  
Leslie Tourigny  
Eric Trimble  
Reed Van Beveren  
Kristi Waschull

**Attendee From the Public:**

Anna Maria Kaczmarski

**City of Alexandria Government Liaison:**

Jim Holloway, Office of Historic Alexandria

**2025 Calendar**

January – Alumni Party 1/11

February –

March – French Flow Yoga 3/22; Middle School Exchange – French Students Visit 3/29 -4/9

April –

May –

June – D-Day Commemoration 6/1; D-Day Lecture 6/5

July –

August –

September – French Liberation Lecture 9/25

October –

November – Beaujolais Nouveau 11/20; Cider Festival 11/22

December – Scottish Walk Parade 12/6

Leslie Tourigny, Secretary