

**George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Annual Report
July 2020 – June 2021**

Summary of Accomplishments

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is responsible for the planning and carrying out of the City's annual George Washington Birthday celebration. Within these guidelines, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee membership completed the following activities during its 2020/21 session.

**George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Policy and Membership Accomplishments**

- Membership for the year was steady.
- Membership attendance at monthly meetings increased during the period where Zoom meetings were allowed.

Activities

- See attached list for full details of events. In brief, the following events were held:
 - The Great Theater of Action: The Life of George Washington in Four Acts: Virtual
 - The “Cherry Challenge”
 - “George Washington’s Alexandria” Tours
 - 18th Century Dance Classes
 - Birthnight Banquet & Ball: Virtual
 - George Washington National Birthday Celebration: Virtual
 - American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll
 - “Hunt for Washington”
 - Q & A with Officers of the 1st VA Regiment and an Officer of the Opposing Force!: Virtual
 - Christ Church Churchyard Tours
- This year, many of the events were cancelled due to Coronavirus, including the Annual George Washington Birthday Parade. A few events and organizations were able to accommodate their itinerary and make their celebrations virtual.
- In place of the Parade, the Committee held a weekly virtual event each Friday called “The Great Theater of Action: The Life of George Washington in Four Acts” which was well attended each session.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- Proclamation of George Washington Birthday, month of February 2021. The festivities were dedicated to Joseph Shumard, who was a longtime Chair of the Committee for over twenty years, and a member for longer.
- Committee approval of 2023 Change of Washington Parade to commemorate 2023 Cornerstone Ceremony of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the June 2021 meeting: Tyler Vanice would serve as Chair, Sue Johnson as Vice-Chair, and Jennifer Warren was elected as Secretary.
- Nicole Quinn and Michele Longo from the Office of Historic Alexandria acted as the staff liaison to George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee during the 2020-2021 year.
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:

Edgar Bates
 Daniel Beard
 Claire Bennett
 David Bissette
 Casey Clark
 Kristen Eastlick
 Robert Garbacz
 Sally Graham
 Jeanne Jacob
 Susan Johnson
 Chris Jones
 Stephen MacLeod
 Sean Marvin
 Margaret ("Mitzi") Moore
 Carol Myers
 Lovie Patish
 Thomas Smith
 Jason Reardon
 Tyler Vanice
 Jennifer Warren

Attachments

1. Annual Attendance Sheet
2. George Washington Birthday Celebration Schedule for 2021