



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Alexandria, Virginia

Minutes for Monday, January 16, 2023, 7:00pm

Attendance: Robert Garbacz, Tyler Vanice, Susan Johnson, Marshall Smith, Edgar Bates, Colin Eilts, Sally Graham, Jeanne Jacob, Sandra Welch, Kristen Eastlick, Michele Longo (City staff liaison)

Excused: Carol Myers, Patrick Wilson, Jason Reardon, Stephen Konya,

Absent: none

Guest: Bud Jackson, Claire Bennet,

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:10pm
2. Minutes Approval: Review of minutes will be held until the February meeting.
3. Schedule of events: Tyler requested any updates be submitted so the list can be distributed at the end of the week.
4. The Proclamation has been submitted to the City Docket. It will be presented during the Feb. 14 City Council meeting. All are invited to attend in person.
5. Cherry Challenge Update
 - Kristen reported that 14 restaurants are participating so far. Website has the complete list.
 - Deadline to register is January 31. Kristen and a few committee volunteers are distributing flyers to recruit additional restaurants this week.
6. Fundraising update
 - Jeanne provided an update on fundraising efforts by the George Washington Legacy Foundation.
 - February 11 event at Duvall House hosted by the George Washington Legacy Foundation—all should have received an invitation and are welcome to share with their organizations.
7. Parade:
 - Noon on Tuesday will have the final route approved or know what additional steps need to take. Once have approval, can begin to communicate with the public regarding the route change.
 - Registration for parade units will remain open until February 5.
 - Tyler will aim to have the march order complete by February 9 so organizations have time to communicate details with their members.



- Marine Corps band is unavailable this year. While it has been challenging to recruit bands in the winter season, the committee members agreed to the following action items:
 - i. Edgar—contact Episcopal High School and the Navy Band
 - ii. Kristen—contact Mount Vernon High School Band
 - iii. Sally—contact Alexandria City High School Band
 - iv. Jeanne—contact Bishop Ireton and St. Stephens

There is no fee for school bands to march. In the future, GWBCC may want to consider paying bands to participate.

8. Volunteer Needs

- Sue distributed a list of volunteer duties for the parade.

9. The next meeting is February 6, 7 p.m. This is the last meeting before the parade.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.