

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee January '24 Meeting – Monday 8 January 2024 (Revised)

- Attendance:
 - In-person: Phil Dawit, Kurt Eberle, Stacie Andersen, Paul Anderson, Diana Price, James Morrison, Karen Parsons, Eric Compton, David Vondle, Jose Mandujano, Martha Davis (NOVA Alexandria) and Whitney Umarov (Office of Historic Alexandria)
 - Excused Absence: Kathryn Schalow, Kathryn Johnson
 - Esther Petrilli-Massey recently tendered resignation
 - 1 member of the public
- Meeting held at The Lloyd House; called to order at approximately 7:09 pm
- Introduction of our newest member: Jose Mandujano
- November '23 minutes; Paul; motioned; Phil: seconded; unanimously approved
- Dale Medearis from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) spoke to the committee about what NVRC does and how it might work with us and the city; additional information will be shared via email
- Old Business
 - Stacie announced she is termed-out and stepping down at the end of March; we will need to discuss filling the Chair position
 - Happy Hour with Caen Committee
 - We agreed to propose 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 at 6pm somewhere in Old Town to Caen
 - Whisky Tasting 2024
 - Stacie confirmed whisky distributor sponsorship again; still in talks with who will proctor event
 - Need to start planning meetings in February
 - Martha mentioned she is still trying to get a history prof. to do a Robert Burns' themed lecture; may not coincide with Burns' Night week
- New Business
 - Rugby Watch Party: England v. Scotland (Six Nations match), February 24, 11:45am at O'Connell. Details to follow.
 - Transatlantic Book Club: Diana mentioned the next meeting will be April 25 at 12pm for a short story TBD. Details to follow.
 - Helsingborg High School students (~12 ppl) will be traveling to Alexandria on 11-18 ~~April~~ March. OHA will be handling most activities for them. We discussed throwing a pizza-party or other event for them. Need to discuss at next meeting.
- Next meeting: TBA
- Meeting adjourned: ~9:22 pm

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Secretary

7 February 2024

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