

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee February '24 Meeting – Monday 12 February 2024

- Attendance:
 - In-person: Phil Dawit, James Morrison, Eric Compton, Paul Anderson, Stacie Andersen, Jose Mandujano, Karen Parsons, Diana Price, Kathryn Johnson, Martha Davis (NOVA Alexandria) and Whitney Umarov (Office of Historic Alexandria)
 - Absent: David Vondle (excused); Jennifer Eidemiller
 - Kathryn Schalow and Kurt Eberle recently tendered resignations
 - 1 member of the public: Esther Petrilli-Massey (former member)
- Meeting held at The Lloyd House; called to order at approximately 7:03 pm
- Jan '24 minutes; Paul; motioned; Karen: seconded; unanimously approved w/ slight revision
- New Business
 - In view of Stacie's terming out, and vacancies, it was proposed the officers would be:
 - Eric – Chair
 - Paul – Vice Chair (position currently vacant)
 - Karen – Secretary
 - Phil – Treasurer (currently serving)
 - This would be effective April 1, 2024
 - Kathryn; motioned; James: seconded; unanimously approved
- Treasurer report: Phil reported \$7585.40 in the BH account
- Old Business
 - NOVA Burns' speaker event – agreed to table till the fall
 - Rugby match watch party held Feb 24 – members, who attended, discussed the event
 - Helsingborg High School visit
 - We proposed Wed March 13 for our sponsored dinner; suggested Taco dinner and to have some Alexandria City High School students attend
 - Eric volunteered to coordinate dinner with OHA
 - Martha volunteered to inquire about ACHS students
 - Boards & Commissions Training, February 21 at 7pm; Eric, Phil and Karen to attend
 - Craig Weir
 - Reached out to our former chair, Maureen Dugan
 - Will be performing at Tartan DC Tattoo Event, April 2, 7pm at NOVA's Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center
 - Asked if we could help set up a book event/solo performance April 1 or 3; Jose volunteered to coordinate event
 - Chris Thompson, UK Embassy, Scottish Trade Rep, term will be ending in July
 - Whisky Tasting
 - Jared Card of ImpEx agreed to proctor
 - James volunteered to chair planning sub-committee
 - Esther donated cans of haggis to committee
- New Business
 - Transatlantic Book Club: Diana mentioned the next meeting will be April 25 at 1pm
- Next meeting: Monday March 18 at City Hall

- Meeting adjourned: ~8:50 pm

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Secretary

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