

## Alexandria Sister Cities Committee November '23 Meeting – Monday 20 November 2023

- Attendance:
  - In-person: Karen Parsons, Kurt Eberle, Phil Dawit, Eric Compton, Diana Price, David Vondle, Kathryn Schalow, Kathryn Johnson, Stacie Andersen, Paul Anderson, Martha Davis (NOVA Alexandria) and Mary Bramley (Office of Historic Alexandria)
  - Excused Absence: James Morrison
  - Unexcused Absence: Esther Petrilli-Massey (called in)
- Meeting held at City Hall, Sister Cities Room; called to order at approximately 7:09 pm
- October '23 minutes; Kathryn J.: motioned; Kathryn S.: seconded; unanimously approved
- Old Business
  - Soccer Watch Party: members who attended event on Nov. 19 discussed; we suggested doing soccer (and maybe rugby) watch parties in the future
  - Transatlantic Book Club: Diana mentioned the meeting discussing Ali Smith's "Universal Story" on Nov. 16; next book club meeting planned for April '24
  - Scottish Christmas Walk
    - Stacie mentioned that she registered us for the Walk; more details to follow
    - We agreed we'd do an informal luncheon after walk
  - Happy Hour with Caen Committee
    - Eric mentioned speaking to Caen members at their wine tasting event; pushing back until 2024; need to give some date options to Caen
  - Whisky Tasting 2024
    - Stacie mentioned she plans to speak with the Whisky Distributor soon
- New Business
  - Helsingborg
    - Kathryn S. mentioned trying to set up a call with Helsingborg soon
    - Diana mentioned there is a new Alexandrian librarian fluent in Swedish who plans to reach out to the Helsingborg library regarding possible collaborations
  - NOVA
    - Martha mentioned Dundee Angus College and NOVA are to start discussions for collaborative programs;
    - She also mentioned a History Prof. would be amenable to doing a Robert Burns' lecture; we discussed scheduling event around Burns' Night week; and we tentatively scheduled for Saturday 3 February at Lloyd House; agreed suggested ticket price of \$10
- No December meeting; next meeting: Monday January 8, 2023 at The Lloyd House
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:30 pm

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Secretary

5 January 2024