

ACSCC meeting minutes – November 9, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted virtually via ZOOM due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic

Present: Angelique Moss (Chair), Kerem Bilge, Thomas Bradley, Franz Bauerlein, Gabi Friedman, Henry Brooks, Daniel Morrison, Holly Beardow, Allison Wynn, Alexandre Jevgrafovs, Scott Campbell, Wesley Thomas, Kate Karau, Elodie Guillon

City Staff/ Liaisons: Jim Holloway & Nicole Quinn (OHA)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Angelique Moss (Chair)

II. Public Virtual Meeting Notice

The meeting notice for public virtual events was read by Nicole Quinn.

III. Member Causerie and Introduction

Introductions were made all around and a new member, Allison Wynn, was welcomed to the Committee, as well as James.

IV. Debrief on Events

A. Virtual Lecture : We discussed our virtual lecture that will be happening Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The speaker will be Jenny Paxton, PhD. The topic will be the Norman Conquest of England. She has given lectures for our committee before - perhaps 4 or 5 times. There will be a Zoom test before the actual lecture. We discussed how we could make the lecture more interactive, suggesting that Dr. Paxton could perhaps call on people / answer questions put in the chat. Gabi mentioned how perhaps a committee member could have questions ahead of time, since people rarely want to be the first to ask a question. She also mentioned how the events were advertised on our Facebook page.

B. Beaujolais Nouveau Virtual Wine Tasting

This event will be held virtually November 19th. It has been advertised on Facebook, Instagram, and our website. Participants may pick up three of the four necessary wines (a red, white, and sparkling rosé) as of right now, but they must wait until the 19th to pick up the Beaujolais Nouveau. The wines are available at the Wegmans Grocery Store in Hilltop. We will have the same sommelier from last year, who will give a presentation. We talked about possibly having a wine quiz to make the event interactive.

So far we have sold 16 out of 100 tickets. We talked about possibly separating the event into two parts, if we sell an abundance of tickets. We could also record the event, sharing it for a reduced price. If we split the event into 2 sections, we would have one at 7:30 PM and one at 8:30 PM. The sommelier will be paid \$100, but first we need to check with Gretchen. We discussed the possibility of participants putting questions in the chat, and giving our sommelier a ticket to our next lecture. In addition, the possibility of giving him a gift card to

Total Wine was brought up. We thought it might be a good idea to have a Kahoot! Quiz. In addition, we discussed a Google Slides presentation / Google Form to rank the wines.

The wines can be picked up after 11:00 AM at Wegmans, and Mauela is the wine manager. Our event will fortunately not overlap with the wine tasting done by the French Chamber of Commerce, who will hold their event this Saturday. With regard to future events, we discussed having Dr. Paxton speak again, this time in keeping with a French theme. Perhaps we could cover a subject having to do with Ireland, and have related drink suggestions.

C. Possible Future Events

Elodie mentioned that she knows a French chef who gives free demonstrations over Zoom for different organizations. He could do a virtual cooking class - possibly something like Quiche Lorraine or a dessert for Valentine's Day. The dish would not be very complicated in nature. We discussed having a recording of the event, and how hosts of virtual events could be tipped out by Venmo.

Gabi Friedman mentioned Cocktail Currier, which is a service in which people can order kits to create drinks. We could have a bartender give a mixology demonstration. There would be predetermined conversation topics. Essentially, Cocktail Currier is like Hello Fresh for drinks. We could make a cocktail like the French 75. We also discussed having a non-alcoholic beverage such as cider, perhaps from Trader Joe's. The possibility of a New Year's event was raised, and also taking December off in terms of a meeting.

We talked about having a virtual event with committee members in Caen, instead of having our December dinner.

D. D-Day

Kerem Bilge discussed how we could go about planning for D-Day, provided that it can happen by that time. He mentioned that we would have to book Market Square ahead of time for the event, possible in January. It would be the first Saturday in June, if we can proceed / COVID restrictions are lifted. We also discussed the possibility of having an event on Zoom.

V. Ongoing Business

A. Virtual Events

November 19th Beaujolais Nouveau Virtual Wine Tasting

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments or questions

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

2020 Calendar

January—
February—
March— Lecture on French and Indian Wars
April—
May---
June—
July---
August—
September—
October—
November---
December—

V Attendance and Volunteer Hours

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Name	Present/Excused/Unexcused	Volunteer Hours
Angelique	x	
Scott	x	
Christine		
Daniel	x	
Kerem	x	
Gabi	x	
Thomas	x	
Elodie	x	
Katherine	x	
Franz	x	
Joseph		
Henry	x	
Wesley	x	
Holly	x	
James		
Alex	x	
Allison	x	