

ACSCC meeting minutes – December 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: James Howard, Ellodie Guillon

City Staff/ Liaisons: Jim Holloway and Nicole Quinn

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Angelique Moss (Chair). We had 13 members, and therefore were able to call a quorum.

II. Virtual Meeting Notice

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

III. Welcome

IV. Approve Minutes of November Meeting

We had a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting in November.

V. Ongoing Business

- A. We discussed Dr. Paxton's lecture on the Norman conquest. We sold 50 tickets, for a total of \$306. Dr. Lindsay Chervinsky will give a lecture on the relationship between George Washington and France. The lecture will be titled: "George Washington and France: The Complicated Relationship of Sister Revolutionaries." Gabi mentioned that she would post ads for this event on our Instagram and Facebook pages. We also discussed the following possibilities with regard to Dr. Chervinsky's lecture: promoting her book, having her sign the book as part of a promotion, and having a signature drink to go along with the lecture. We also went over our last lecture, and how we could make it interactive. We discussed the pros and cons of making the lectures meetings vs. webinars. We talked about having a toast during our next lecture and encouraging people to turn their cameras on. A trial run would be advisable before our next event, so we can troubleshoot if need be.
- B. Beaujolais Nouveau Virtual Wine Tasting. We went over our virtual wine tasting, and some possible changes if we were to do a similar event. We talked about possibly switching the location where the wines were picked up. Wegman's (Alexandria) is far from members / participants who live in Old Town. Planet Wine in Del Ray was suggested as a possibility. We talked about the importance of supporting small businesses, as opposed to larger companies who will generally fare better during the

pandemic. Gabi mentioned using cocktail kits of for a possible event in February, from Sonoma Sellers. An event near Valentine's Day is a possibility. Elodie has a business associate who is a chef who could possibly do a cooking demonstration for us. In order to put something together for February, we should cast a large net, considering other events are booked around that time as well.

VI. New Business

- A. Exchanges / Meeting with Caen Committee Members in Caen. The committee was in agreement that our recent Zoom with committee members in France was successful. The possibility of future exchanges, perhaps quarterly, was discussed. Members talked about creating profiles with members so we could exchange with them and practice our language skills. While we focus on promoting the French culture in Alexandria, they mostly focus on exchanges. Of course, they have been cancelled. However, we can still continue with Zoom exchanges. We want to talk about the history of Caen / the artifacts that we have from there, once we can resume in-person meetings.

- B. Going Forward and D-Day Commemoration (?). The committee discussed how it would be difficult to plan events going forward due to COVID-19 restrictions. We could do something at the earliest in Spring / Summer 2021. Kerem mentioned how if we were to proceed with the D-Day Commemoration Event, we would have to start planning 6 months in advance. Even if we are allowed to proceed with in-person events, this event might still be virtual, and possibly split into two parts. We discussed booking the Lyceum for June 3rd, although much remains to be seen because of the pandemic.

VII Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

2020 Calendar

January –

February –

March – 3/12 French & Indian War Lecture

April –

May –

June –

July –

August –

September –

October –

November – 11/12 Jennifer Paxton Lecture & 11/19 Beaujolais Nouveau Tasting

December – 12/12 Alexandria-Caen Zoom Call Across the Atlantic

IX. 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		
Katherine	x	
Franz	x	
Joseph		
Henry	x	
Wesley	x	
Holly	x	
James	x	
Alex	x	
Allison	x	