

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

7:00 pm

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- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Approve Minutes from September Meeting - Minutes approved by Wesley and Dan.
- III. Ongoing Business
 - A. Sip & Sketch Recap – 9/28/21 - Laura Withers gave an update on the event. Consensus that the event was a success. Paul was great as was the turnout.
 - B. Lafayette Escadrille Event – 10/21/21 - Due to the set up (no tables, seated in pairs), we are able to add more people to the max capacity.
 - Request for volunteers – Dan, Kerem, and Holly. Volunteers show up at 6:30.
 - Discussion of snacks to serve with cocktails.
 - Individually wrapped items (wraps, Laughing Cow cheese, mini bottled water)
 - C. French Film & Cocktails – 11/10/21 – We will keep this event as a virtual event.
 - Advertise in local Patches – someone to open a Del Ray account to post in the Del Ray Patch
 - Kerem is still searching for guest, potentially French military, to join us.
 - Kyly will look for a film critic or someone else via social media to potentially join us.
 - D. Beaujolais Nouveau Event – 11/18/21
 - Discussion of whether event should be virtual or in-person.
 - Location – Lloyd House is off the table.
 - Already have Chef Hugh lined up from last year
 - Should/can we require proof of vaccination?
 - Legally, yes, we can. Wesley will enforce.
 - Vote – virtual won majority
- IV. New Business
 - A. Update Volunteer Hours – check for link in emails.
 - B. Committee Socials – check with Henry on availability for time options. Also, possibility of Committee winery gathering in the springtime – The Barns.
 - C. Strategic Partnerships –

- a. be on the lookout for French-themed activities around town. The library does a French-themed tour.
- b. Possibility of working to help promote local businesses at our events by giving out coupons, etc.
- c. Virtual City tour for our counterparts in Caen.
- d. France is offering stipends to young adults to explore cultural activities. Consider how we might do the same.

D. Strategic Planning – We are going to dive into ideas at our January meeting.

- a. Kerem and Alex to lead

E. Open Floor

- a. Reach out to Pascal for date to have a joint meeting with Caen counterpart.
- b. Membership – Total of 4 spots will be open for new members by next month
- c. During strategic planning in January, also discuss possibility of budget committee

V. Public Comment

- Applicant Ashlee Harper-Johnson asked about application process/timing.

VI. Adjournment – Baxter dismissed us at 9:03pm

2021 Calendar

January – 1/7 Lindsay Chervinsky Lecture

February – 2/4 French Chef Demo

March – 3/16 Jennifer Paxton Lecture

April –

May –

June – 6/3-4 D-Day Lectures

July – 7/10 Summer Cookout

August –

September – 9/28 Sip & Sketch Event

October – 10/21 Lafayette Escadrille Documentary Discussion

November – 11/10 French Film & Cocktails, 11/18 Beaujolais Nouveau Tasting

December –