



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Minutes

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 16, 2019

George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive

In Attendance: Bates, Bissette, Garbacz, Graham, Johnson, Khan, MacLeod, Reardon, Shumard (co-chair), Uehlein, Vanice (co-chair)

Excused: Bennett, Dorton, Eastlick

Unexcused: Tabb

City Staff: Nicole Quinn, Office of Historic Alexandria

Guests: Danny Smith, Marshall Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Vanice called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the August 19th meeting and provided minor corrections. **Bates moved to accept the minutes as amended. Garbacz seconded, and the motion passed.**

Vanice informed the committee that all approved dates for 2020 celebration activities at the Masonic Memorial have been approved. Currently two dates are booked for the “Chocolate with Gen. Washington” event, and a final date will be selected pending conflicts.

Shumard informed the committee about the start of fundraising efforts for the George Washington Legacy Alliance.

Shumard shared with the committee a revised schedule for 2020 celebration events and encouraged committee members to share suggested language changes as necessary. Items discussed includes:

- Graham and Danny Smith will be giving tours each weekend during February.
- January 26th through February 9th are the current dates for the 2020 Cherry Challenge. Shumard stated he will be coordinating with Visit Alexandria to encourage restaurant participation. Jackson updated that Councilmember John T. Chapman will serve as honorary chair for the competition.
- Bissette suggested that the “Hunt For Washington” be combined into one version, instead of a separate version for children and adults.
- Vanice said speakers should be finalized for the symposium by next week.

- The committee discussed Storytelling events, and potentially holding them on Washington's birthday.
- Shumard shared the bid by Landini Brothers to host the "Dinner with General Washington" on October 10th and committee members discussed ticket sales and member attendance. **Garbacz made a motion to approve the proposed event, Shumard seconded the motion. The proposal was approved unanimously.**

The committee discussed the prospect of a 5k or bike race to raise funds, potentially in the summer or around the 4th of July.

There being no other immediate business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Uehlein, GWBCC Secretary