



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Minutes

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 21, 2019

George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive

In Attendance: Bennett, Dorton, Garbacz, Johnson, Reardon, Shumard (co-chair), Vanice (co-chair)

Excused: Bissette, Eastlick, Graham, Uehlein

Unexcused: Bates, Khan, MacLeod, 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.

Shumard discussed the “Dinner with Washington” fundraising events and mentioned that there will be two dinners, on November 16 and December 14, at 7:00 pm at Landini Brothers where the public are encouraged to ask questions with General Washington. Ticket prices are \$125 each and seating limited to 25 persons per event. Tickets will be available by Eventbrite later in the week. Discussion was had about potentially having Mary Wiseman, “Martha Washington”, at the second fundraiser and will inquire if she would be able to join to support the event.

Vanice gave a brief summary of the 2020 Symposium and Gala that is being held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. The theme is *George Washington’s Construction of the United States Capitol* and the keynote speaker for the Symposium and Gala will be Brent Morris and will be presenting alongside Dr. Michele Cohen, Curator at the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and Samuel Holliday, Manager of Communications, Finance, and Administration at the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Vanice also mentioned Gala tickets are \$200 per person and seating will be severely limited with a current limit of only 60 online sales.

Shumard talked about the 2023 Cornerstone Ceremony and the collaboration between the Memorial and the Committee for this future event. The Chairs will present a change in parade route for this event in the near future to Parks and Recs.

Shumard mentioned the 2020 events schedule. Sue mentioned an update is to be had on the verbiage on the flyer. Ft. Ward Encampment event was missing from the flyer and will be added.

Discussion was had about the dates for the Colonial Christmas Traditions and Chocolate with Washington events. It was decided to Keep the Colonial Christmas Traditions event on December 14 at the Memorial and move the Chocolate with Washington to Feb. 8, 2020.

There being no further announcements the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler Vanice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T' and a long, sweeping underline.

Tyler Vanice, GWBCC Co-Chair