



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Minutes

George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

City of Alexandria, Virginia

7:00 p.m.

June 21, 2021

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

In Attendance: Claire Bennett, Robert Garbacz, Jeanne Jacob, Chris Jones, Sue Johnson, Sean Marvin, Mitzi Moore, Carol Myers, Marshall Smith, Tyler Vanice (chair), Jennifer Warren

Excused: Kristen Eastlick,

Unexcused: Lovie Patish, Edgar Bates, Casey Clarke, Jason Reardon, Daniel Beard

City Staff: Michele Longo and Nicole Quinn (Office of Historic Alexandria)

Guests: N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Vanice called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the GWBCC would be in person on July 19, at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, side door entrance.

The next event is on June 30, "The American War for Independence", which would include Brian Hilton and 2 other interpreters. Approximately 30 registrations are necessary to break-even. Marketing including Patch, and email distributions. Claire Bennett indicated that she had forwarded to all the chapters of the VA Daughters. All were encouraged to register. Tyler Vanice then discussed planning effort for fundraising dinner with Brian Hilton as George Washington interpreter in early August at Landini Brothers, at cost of @\$125 per person.

Sue Johnson shared that she and Danny Smith are beginning to plan for George Washington's Alexandria's Walking Tour to resume. Sue reported on the Fundraising Committee, including the development of a target list and consideration of an exclusive event sponsor. Sponsorship categories had been posted at washingtonbirthday.com. Sue suggested that the Fundraising committee meet immediately after the end of this meeting.

There was no social media subcommittee report, as Kristen Eastlick, chair, was an excused absence. There was also no unfinished business.

Under New Business, the GWBCC members discussed the need to identify potential Grand Marshall for the parade. It is the responsibility of the GWBCC to select the Grand Marshall. Selection can consider levels of civic engagement, contributions to the city, and other factors.

Other new business included discussion of elections, and nominations. The GWBCC year starts in July. Tyler proposed holding the elections at the next meeting, and opened the nominations process. Claire Bennett nominated Tyler Vanice to serve another term as President, and Mitzi Moore seconded. Jeanne Jacob nominated Sue Johnson to serve as Vice President, and Mitzi seconded. Carol nominated Jennifer Warren to serve again as Secretary, and Jeanne seconded. Each nominee accepted. Claire made a motion to hold the elections at this meeting and Mitzi seconded. All voted aye in favor, and all voted aye for the 3 nominees. No oppositions, and no abstentions. It was explained that no Treasurer was required, as OHA was controlling the funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm in person.

Respectfully submitted by

Jennifer Warren, Secretary