



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee
Alexandria, Virginia

Monday, December 13, 2021
7:00 PM

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

Attendance

- In attendance: Edgar Bates, Claire Bennett, Kristen Eastlick, Jeanne Jacob, Sue Johnson, Carol Myers, Jason Reardon, Marshall Smith,
- Excused: Tyler Vanice,
- Unexcused: Robert Garbacz, Chris Jones, Mitzi Moore, Lovie Patish, Jennifer Warren,
- City Staff: Michele Longo (Office of Historic Alexandria)

1. Call to Order and review of virtual procedures
2. Committee Work

2022 Event Planning:

Brian is confirmed for the following events the weekend of February 12/13:

- Chocolate with Washington, February 12, 2pm.
- Hooray for Books book reading February 13, 12:30-1:30
- George Washington's Alexandria Walking Tour, February 13, 2 p.m.

Note that there is room on Brian's schedule for an additional event the evening of February 12. The committee considered adding the Dinner with Washington event, but is cautious about a dining event during COVID. Brian expressed interest in future events, particularly walking tours (one of the waterfront and one from Alexandria to Mount Vernon). Looking ahead, 2026 is America's 250th birthday, which may provide additional opportunities for GWBCC, and 2023 is both the Masonic Memorial 100th and Christ Church's 250th anniversaries.

Friendship Firehouse Breakfast is in planning and the wreath-laying ceremony is set by the DAR and SAR. Claire will complete the wreath-laying ceremony's program in early 2022.

For the Revolutionary War reenactment, Marshall is in process of getting permits, including one for street parking. Fort Ward Museum will be closed, so he is also getting estimates for port-a-potties.

Hunt for Washington will be posted online and available for families to complete throughout the month of February at their own pace.

3. January meetings

Michele will sent out Zoom invitations for Mondays, January 3 and 17. The committee may add weekly meetings in January to prepare for the February parade.

There were no public comments and therefore Sue adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm. The next meeting will be held Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by
Michele Longo, OHA, staff-liaison