

## Alexandria Sister Cities Committee Nov '25 Meeting – Monday 17 November 2025

- Meeting held at City Hall; called to order at approximately ~7:05 pm
- Attendance:
  - In-person: Carter Rice, Jennifer Eidemiller, Paul Anderson, Whitney Umarov, Vanessa Simpson, David Mitchell, Alejandro (Alex) Perez-Reyes, Phil Dawit, Mikke Norton, Diana Price
  - Excused Absence: Martha Davis (NOVA CC)
  - Absent: Dale Medearis, Elisabeth Poppen
- October '25 minutes – Approve notes (Motion – Alex, Second – Paul)
- Treasurer’s Report – haven’t transitioned the accounts yet, otherwise no changes.
- Completed Events
  - SAWS (Scottish America Women’s Society) How to Kill a Witch Book Review
    - Oct 25<sup>th</sup> (3-5 PM) at the Lloyd House
    - ASCC will be responsible for drinks. (Carter, Paul)
  - Strategic Plan with Goal and Calendar (Dale)
    - Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM @ Junction – Strategy Session scheduled.
    - Draft agenda/questions – Dale will send this to Whitney to post.
    - Tenants/Sub-Committees – create this and have committee members sign up for what they are interested in.
- Upcoming Events
  - Transatlantic Book Club coming up: (Diana)
    - Nov 20<sup>th</sup> (1 PM) - Dundee book club
    - Nov 25<sup>th</sup> (1 PM) - Helsingborg book club
  - Cider Festival (Elisabeth/Alex)
    - Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> (1–5 PM) @ Lloyd House
    - Two crews for two shifts (Setup – 12:15 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Shift – 1-3 PM or 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift - 3-5 PM)
      - 1<sup>st</sup> Shift - Vanessa, Alex, Eric, Paul
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift - Elisabeth, Eric, Paul, David
  - Swedish Fika Coffee (Vanessa/Carter)
    - 2:30 PM Arrival
    - Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> (3-5 PM) @ Buzz Bakeshop
    - Vanessa, Carter, Eric, Paul, Alex, Diana, Mikke
    - Motion to cover incidentals \$100 (Motion – Eric, Second – Phil)
  - Scottish Walk
    - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> (6-7:30 PM) – Reception for the VIPs, Caen Committee, ASCC, OHA, etc. Whitney wants to confirm the schedule for the Lord and Lady Provost. Hold the reception at the Hummingbird and cap at \$1500 (Motion - Eric, Second - Alex)
    - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Dinner with Anne Cant after the reception. Pay for Anne’s dinner (Motion - Eric, Second - Phil)
    - Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Taste of Scotland - Cover Anne Cant and David McClellan (Motion - Eric, Second – Phil).
    - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> (11 AM) Parade (need to arrive earlier). VIPs (Lord and Lady Provost) and the Vice Data Chair will be coming again this year.
    - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at O’Connell’s for the committee post parade. Pay for VIPs (Motion - Paul, Second - David)
    - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> (7 PM) – OHA is planning a dinner (which can include a plus one).
- Ongoing/New Business
  - Gyumri (Alex)
    - Nothing new to report
  - Basketball – Joint SSC Event
  - Strategic Plan with Goal and Calendar (Dale)
    - TBD on next meeting and location to keep ideas/conversation going.
  - United States 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
    - Sails on the Potomac (Phil, David)
      - June 12<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> - We should plan this now. Whitney to connect Phil with the Development officer.
    - Lloyd House is on hold for an event on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 6-10 PM
      - Vote on the ideas.
        - Voted in Order: #2, #5 and then tied #1 and #3.

