

Alexandria Sister Cities Committee May '25 Meeting – Monday 19 May 2025

- Meeting held at City Hall; called to order at approximately ~7:16 pm
- Attendance
 - In-person: Erin Rauner, Carter Rice, Jennifer Eidemiller, Eric Compton, Alejandro (Alex) Perez-Reyes, Diana Price, Phil Dawit, Dale Medearis, Jose Mandujano, Vanessa Simpson, Paul Anderson, Mike Bianco (Caen Committee/Alexandria Choral Society), Mikke Norton
 - Excused Absence: Martha Davis (NOVA CC)
 - Absent: James Morrison, Elisabeth Poppen (on the phone)
- April '25 minutes – not reviewed.
- Treasurer's Report – reviewed in the meeting.
- Mike Bianco (Caen Committee/Alexandria Choral Society):
 - Jun 14th – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – 7 PM.
 - Jun 22nd – end of Jun, 30 members and 3 staff will be going to Scotland—Edinburgh, Dundee, and Ireland—Belfast and Dublin.
 - Jun 29th – Dundee Parish Church – joint concert with Dundee choir.
 - Gift for every city. Provide a CD of local musical artists, suggested by Dale.
- Upcoming Events
 - Jun 22nd – Midsommer / Mid-Summer Event (Helsingborg) – Elisabeth – reached out to Jim Holloway – didn't hear back. Looking into food options. Maybe hold a picnic instead. Working on music as well – haven't heard back on DJ. Decided to table this event (Motion: Eric, Seconded: Alex)
 - Early Oct – Helsingborg students are coming again.
 - Nov 30th - Visit to Sister Cities – Dundee Hooley
- Ongoing Business
 - TBD - Transatlantic Book Club (Helsingborg) - Diana
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 - TBD (Late Summer/Early Fall) - Culinary – Baker (Le Cordon Bleu background). Scottish baking on Zoom. – Jenn
 - TBD (Vote Next Month) - Swedish Coffee and Pastries – Buzz Bake Shop or Mischa's. Contacted the Swedish Chamber of Commerce – Vanessa and Carter
 - TBD – Hold a gin and tonic tasting – Erin
 - TBD (Fall) - Joint presentation of all three sister cities (Caen, Helsingborg, Dundee) on Viking history. – Carter and Eric
 - TBD - Dundee Tapestry and bringing it to Alexandria. Still figuring out where to hold this and the size of the exhibit – Eric
 - TBD - Climate Office of Helsingborg Webinar - Dale
- New Business
 - Jun 1st, 1 PM - Caen D-Day – will pass on this. Eric is to inform the Caen Committee.
 - Gyumri, Armenia Updates – Alex has contacted the Embassy and met the Ambassador and a cultural exchange contact. Let Diana know if there is a library to work with.
 - Keep Alex moving forward on researching Gyumri, Armenia. (Motion: Eric, Seconded: Alex)
 - TBD – Additional engagement from Council. Considering having 3-4 hours on creating a vision for the next 2-5 years. (Motion: Erin, Seconded: Dale)
 - Nov 18th – Soccer match (Sweden and Scotland play simultaneously).
 - Newsletter – James
 - Ask if a weekly date/time for planning can be reserved. Elisabeth is to ask Whitney.
- Next meeting: Monday, June 16th, at City Hall, 7 PM.
- Meeting adjourned: ~8:40 pm

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Secretary

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