



ASSOCIATION DES AMIS DU JUMELAGE
SAINT-GERMAIN-EN-LAYE / WINCHESTER (MA)

Joint Board meeting April 20, 2021
Via zoom

Minutes

Introduction

Caroline indicates that we need each other and proposes to hold a Joint Board Meeting at least twice a year. We need to share ideas and initiatives in this difficult context. The situation is opening up in France, let's be creative and see what we can do together

Annette agrees and notes that in the U.S. 50 % of the adults have received a first shot

Comment on the March 10 Official ZOOM joint ceremony and signed proclamation

Caroline thanks Marc for the organization of the official 30th anniversary ceremony at the city hall. The signed document has been returned to SG. A copy will be made and sent to Annette.

Attendants appreciated the event and enjoyed meeting officials on both sides.

Caroline suggests to take advantage of our Yvelines Deputy Natalya Pouzyreff (Secretary General of the National Assembly Defense Commission) and Representative Michael Day (working of judicial issues) to organize a joint Zoom debate in English with people from SG and W. They could present their job and talk about their respective role in the context of politics.

This will lead us to open up to a wider audience and enlarge to universities or specialized schools here and there.

Annette finds the idea very interesting. She proposes that John, who knows Michael Day, be a go-between.

Annette and John will contact Michael and Caroline will contact Natalya who posted nice tweets after the « America is back » webinar.

It would be nice to arrange joint initiatives between our two cities to enlarge the audience outside of the jumelage, though language could be a problem. French University students could be interested to see how governors work in the U.S. and Winchester High school students who came to SG are now University students. French class at Winchester High School could also participate.

It is also agreed that the parents of students who came here or went there should get involved in the exchanges.



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American week in France October 4-11, 2021

Michel presents the trip to the northern region.

35 participants at least would be a good number. The cost will probably be lower than the Saumur trip.

Marc is requesting from Annette to get a list of the officials to come.

Annette doesn't know at present how many Americans will participate. Twenty people were to come in 2020, probably less this year. She will advertize the trip to the town and show Michel's presentation to the Winchester members.

There is still one caveat, what about cancellation fees if any, in case people cannot come.

Agenda for 2021 events

All Winchester events were cancelled.

Next event, the Town Day will be held on September 18.

One dinner will be organized in October after the trip to France.

All Saint-Germain events were cancelled as well, including the 30th anniversary celebrations.

May 30: Memorial Day. For the first time, a simple celebration will be organized for fifteen American soldiers buried in SG. High school students should participate.

The annual General Assembly will take place in June.

July 4th: We will hold our Independence Day BBQ following a parade of WW2 vehicules on July 3rd.

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