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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The annual meeting of the Fredericksburg Sister City Association was held on November 13, 2014 at the Central Rappahannock Library.

President Bill Beck opened the meeting with welcoming remarks.

The Treasurer gave his report describing the major incomes and expenditures in 2014. The highlight this year was our very successful funding raising event held on June 20, 2014 which honored the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landing. Chairing the event was Kathryn Willis, our funding raising chairman. The Treasurer reminded the members to pay their dues for the upcoming year. He also announced that the position of Treasurer will become vacant starting January 2016. He is hoping a member would like to volunteer for this position

Following the Treasurer's report the President reviewed our 2014 year. The organization held the following events in 2014, a Mardi Gras party and the D-Day remembrance of 70th anniversary. Our friends in Fréjus held a ceremony on September 11 remembering the Americans who helped liberate Fréjus. In May Bill made a presentation to the Elder Study

group. July saw the arrival of 20 French exchange students and the Bastille Day picnic. In November the French Congrès was held at a local high school. On Thanksgiving Day the French jumelage held a Thanksgiving dinner in Fréjus.

The President then previewed the events already scheduled for 2015. The Mardi Gras party is scheduled on February 14, 2015 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. In July 20 Fredericksburg area French students will go to Fréjus and Paris for the student exchange program. The Bastille Day picnic will be held on July 14 in Market Square. The 35th anniversary of the exchange program with Fréjus will be celebrated in Fréjus in September. The dates will coincide with La Grande Omelet. Activities will be planned for our group which will take place before and after the La Grande Omelet.

Funding for our programs continues to be an issue. The city no longer provides any funds for our programs. Kathryn Willis, our Fund Raising Chairman, is looking for new members for her committee. Please contact her at katrynwillis@yahoo.com . We need to raise about \$10,000 per year to support all our programs.

The guest speaker for our meeting was University Mary Washington professor, Dr. JeanAnn Dabb. She has been a professor at Mary Washington since 1992. Her topic was entitled "Paris Before and After Haussman". Her talk was very interesting and informative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Ann Kissinger, Secretary

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