

Fairhope Sister City Committee

Minutes for April 22, 2014

We had a 30 minute Skype session with several people from Rhos on Sea, Wales. In attendance from Rhos on Sea (per John Jones) were:

Roger Parry, county councillor.

Dave Griffiths, town councillor.

Lindsay Griffiths, town councillor.

Roy Foreman, town councillor.

Mel Barnes, secretary.

John Jones, an enthusiastic inhabitant of Rhos on Sea.

We found the Welsh participants to be charming and excited about the potential of an alliance with Fairhope. They explained that the story of Prince Madoc is taught in school there and is considered part of their history. Plans are to build a wall along the sea telling the story of Prince Madoc sailing into Mobile Bay in 1170 in preparation for their 850 celebration in 2020.

They would like us to be a part of this celebration and would like to form a Sister City Alliance with Fairhope as soon as possible as part of their preparation. They are also interested in establishing a student exchange program. Their research on Fairhope is extensive, believe we have a lot in common, and this is why they reached out to us through William Bruce and Sherry Sullivan.

After the skype session, our committee discussed the April 27th meeting before dismissing early to attend the Volunteer Fish Fry.

Dennis Sherrin will lead the meeting on April 27th to prepare us for 1) developing a profile for the Sister City International website and 2) the June meeting with Fairhope's Mayor and City Council.

Linda D. Speed, Chairman