

**Minutes from the Poggio Committee Meeting  
Charlottesville Sister Cities Commission  
October 2, 2025  
Small Conference Room, CitySpace  
4:00 - 5:00 PM**

Attendance:

Stella Mattioli - Poggio City Representative  
Juandiego Wade - Mayor  
Sal Moschella  
Edward Herring  
Max Robinson - Ex officio  
Terri Dicintio - ex Poggio City Representative

The committee meeting was convened to discuss the likelihood of receiving a delegation led by Poggio Mayor Palandri and the feasibility of sending an official delegation to Poggio in either 2026 or 2027 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our sorority.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Mayor Wade spoke of his interest in traveling to Poggio to celebrate the anniversary. He indicated that we may not yet know who will be Mayor next year but he would still be on the council.

The former Poggio City Representative, Terri Dicintio, reviewed the activities of 2017 when a delegation from Poggio visited Charlottesville and she led a delegation of 30 persons to Poggio. Film makers from Poggio participated in the 2017 Film Festival here in Charlottesville and the showing was very successful. Additionally, we hosted a chef exchange (with Tavola Restaurant) which was also very successful.

Edward Herring and Stella Mattioli updated the committee on their Zoom call with Mayor Palandri (October 1st) and his desire to come to Charlottesville in December 2025. They wish to visit NYC, Washington DC and Charlottesville.

We discussed several options for traveling Poggio in either 2026 or 2027:

- a. Month of June - Possibly the best weather of the year.
- b. Month of September - Major three day festival each year - There is even the possibility of linking a visit in 2026 with a stop in Besancon France where we will celebrate our 20th anniversary of friendship. There are convenient intra-European flights that could connect the two cities.

**Next Steps:**

- a. Obtain dates for Mayor Palandri's visit, with only two months' time remaining.
- b. The committee (Stella, Sal, Terri) will begin to organize the community to support a visit from Poggio.
- c. Develop options for a visit to Poggio and return in three (3) months for a meeting with the Mayor and the committee.

**The Committee Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.**

\*10/21/2025

Motion to approve minutes as written: Sal Moschella

Motion seconded: Stella Mattioli

Motion carried unanimously by the Committee members