

MLK Celebration Committee
11/22/116
Public Health Building – Library
5:30-7:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Rita McNally, Caitlin Haynes, Bobbie Knable, Ann Kamensky, Malcom Cawthorne

Absent: Lloyd Gellineau, Lynette Glover

Public: Ruth Ann Sneider

1. Minutes reviewed; accepted as amended for grammatical errors.
2. Updates for MLK Day event
 - Bobbie spoke to the superintendent of schools (Andrew Bott) and reported that he was very enthusiastic and willing to be a part of the event.
 - Bernard put together a proposed timeline for the event; time edits were discussed, need to consider transitions as well.
 - Rabbi Waldoks (Clergy Association for Brookline) spoke with Bernard and would like to work with the committee for MLK and after.
 - Richard Pinderhughes agreed to consider being the keynote speaker and giving a general overview of bias.
 - Rob mentioned Sarah Wunch (ACLU) who spoke at the vigil prior to Town Meeting as potentially being a good panel member.
 - Jan Schreiber is a yes for reading poetry; Bernard has not yet been able to get a hold of Regie Gibson.
3. Discussion surrounding MLK event and theme
 - Implicit Bias? Discussion regarding the potential of addressing the new world of explicit bias that is being felt with the new President –elect.
 - Acknowledge the national climate and then bring it back to local issues with bias.
 - Malcom brought up that MLK does not seem to be in the program at all and that the committee needs to find a way to celebrate Dr. King. The panelists need to tie their thoughts into MLK.
 - White board on stage to write down solutions or ideas?
 - Music? Discussion around asking the high school kids, however, it was mostly agreed that pulling that together at this stage would be logistically difficult.
 - Students at BHS had a teach-in last week regarding Black Lives Matter; it was discussed that possibly they may be interested in also being a part of MLK Day. Possibly the Arcade before the Coolidge event?
4. Decided Title: “Confronting Bias in Brookline”

5. Decided Panel:

- Bernard Greene as MC
- Richard Pinderhughes as Keynote
- Rabbi Waldoks as moderator and concluding speaker
- Michael Gropman as panel member
- Andrew Bott as panel member
- Sarah Wunch as panel member
- ALL need to confirm

6. Next meeting committee will consider some topics and questions to give focus to the panel.

7. Next Meeting is set for November 29, 2016 at 5:30PM in the Public Health Building Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM