

**Indigenous People's Celebration Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday January 17, 2023**

Committee Members present: Shana Penna, Paul McLean, Nancy Goldner, Katherine Florio, Felina Silver Robinson, Kailey Bennett, Jody Leader

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR liaison)

**Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes from 12/13/22 Katherine approves, Paul seconds.
2. January 29th Book Club
  - a. 12 residents are registered to attend
  - b. Committee members should register too, will not be a formal meeting instead a group call.
  - c. Email with registration link will be sent again to committee members, members should distribute to contacts to see if more want to attend.
  - d. How registrants will potentially attend? Should we limit it? Nancy suggests that in her experience only half may attend, but if it is a large group we can break up in smaller groups. Just needs to be a formatted discussion for larger groups, smaller groups communicate more easily.
  - e. Felina has the Braiding Sweetgrass workbook, it's too large of a pdf file to email. She could upload it on google drive and share a link. Jody suggested a subgroup to develop questions. This will be done at a different time.
  - f. Question subgroup - Paul, Nancy, Katherine, Felina, and Kailey.
  - g. Program
    - i. Moderator introduces book (brief summary) and author
    - ii. Divide up into smaller groups and focus on guiding topics/questions.
    - iii. potential problems - people don't speak or one person monopolizes the conversation. Resolutions - List of questions is helpful along with instructions on the format of the event.

- iv. It may be a good idea to have a person who ensures that the discussion continues to move.
    - v. Each group should have a committee member to manage discussion.
  - h. Who's welcoming, moderating, etc
    - i. Moderator - Kailey
    - ii. Felina can welcome people as chair and background to the club and book.
    - iii. Kailey and Jody will lead breakout rooms, with Katherine on deck if there are more attendees.
  - i. Breakdown of event:
    - i. Caitlin will create the schedule. There is an hour and a half. 60 minutes for discussion, 15 minutes intro and conclusion.
    - ii. Maybe divide up groups from large to small, depending on questions.
    - iii. Should discuss the IPCC groups
    - iv. Caitlin will be in the original room handling the tech.
- 3. Other info -
  - i. Paul mentions the renaming of the Heath School and thinks we should invite the person facilitating it to the book group. There is the mention of an indigenous woman from brookline, Patient Quassont descendent of Mone Quassen.
  - ii. Paul and Jody are meeting with Barbara Brown from the Unitarian Church about the indigenous history and the renaming of Heath.
  - iii. Should the committee advocate for the naming to be Patient Quassont (sic). Heath may have been on an old burial ground. Not sure the status of the committee.
  - iv. Here is the info from the Heath school naming:  
<https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/renameheath>
  - v. Question subgroup can talk at potluck on Saturday and talk formally next Tuesday at 1pm by zoom.
  - vi. Crystal Johnson was invited to the book club. Felina will reach out.

4. Other business

- i. People must test before the potluck. Walk will be around 8 blocks and takes around an hour. Start on Oakland Rd, through Lincoln School head to the reservoir, and back to the cemetery.

5. Next Meeting: February 7th at 1pm.