

IPCC meeting

2/7/23

Members In attendance: Katherine Florio, Kailey Bennett, Shana Penna, Nancy Golden, Jody Leader, and Paul McLean

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR Staff)

Approval of January 17th minutes – approved

Debriefing Book Club Event

- Overall the book club was a huge hit:
- People are excited about doing it again.
- Everyone was very engaged.
- Great conversations.
- Some folks joined the book club because they are new to Brookline.
- We should customize book club sessions to each book. Non-fiction books may require extra sessions.
- In using page numbers, we need to be mindful that some folks are using a hardcover and some folks are using a paperback
- Emailed feedback from JL: Hard to get comfortable in the small groups. With three questions and everyone not knowing each other. In my group we couldn't get too deep. Lots of long silences. In an anti-racism book club I have been in we allow three sessions to get comfortable and go deep. Having multiple sessions allows folks to get to know each other better.

Next book for book club is There There by Tommy Orange

- Tommy Orange is giving a talk at Harvard April 6. Ticketed event. Tickets are free. Kailey will let us know when they go on sale.
- IPCC will advertise Tommy Orange talk with our book club advert.
- Scheduling logistics:
- 1st meeting: 4-5:30pm Sunday April 2. 2nd meeting Thursday April 13 in the evening TBA
- We will state in the PR materials: "If you went to the Orange lecture and want to talk about the themes of the book...this second session is for you."
- As part of the RSVP, we will note who is planning on attending both events. During the RSVP process, find out who can attend all three.
- PR: Kailey will change the Braiding Sweetgrass poster to orange and feature THERE THERE book

Caitlin announced new town policy for committees, beginning April 1:

- A quorum of the IPCC committee will have to meet **in person**. Meetings will be hybrid. Four people have to be in person. One of the four needs to be the chair or their designee. Staff person will run hybrid component. We need to meet in Town Hall or the Health Dept., both in Brookline Village.
- IPCC discussed the pros and cons of this new development.

Heath School renaming project.

- Jody and Paul will continue to pursue engagement in this.
- Question on the table: Does the IPCC committee want to be a part of this?

Next meeting Tuesday Feb 21st at 1pm.