

**MLK Celebration Committee**  
**Monday, February 25, 2019**  
**Public Health Building – Library**  
**5:30PM – 7:00PM**

**Minutes**

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Jack Curtis, Bill Mitchell, Caitlin Starr

Absent: Ann Kamensky

1. 1/17/18 minutes reviewed and approved with a name edit.
2. Review and Discuss 2019 Program, evaluations, and feedback
  - Evaluations – 37 respondents; committee discussed common comments from audience.
    - i. Regie’s musical ensemble and BHS were not as diverse as some audience members would have liked.
    - ii. Would have preferred more audience involvement.
    - iii. The documentary was well liked.
    - iv. People enjoyed Patty Wen, but would have preferred that the conversation with her had been longer.
  - The MLK Committee agreed that we had a very full program and was not able to devote a long period of time to any part of it.
  - Gwendolyn Brooks Request for Poem; use in our printed Program
    - i. Responded to Bill after event; use of poem is \$350
    - ii. There is no way out of this, or to decrease the amount. Fines will be incurred if not paid.
    - iii. Caitlin will talk to Lloyd about finding funds to pay.
  - Bobbie typed notes on the printed Program - ideas for the 2020 event as well as edits and suggestions.
    - i. What kind of information can we give, support?
    - ii. Discussed having a table at the Event with related Town materials that the MLK Committee would like to help make residents aware of.
  - Discussed possibly using image of the new statue for future programs/ Or some other image – something that connects MLK and Brookline.
  - A link to the documentary is not public yet – will follow up with Harvey. It needs to be Closed Captioned before posted on Town Website. Currently available is BIGs recording of the event.
3. Thank You’s – Caitlin will write Thank Yous and give to Bernard to sign on behalf of Committee
  - Patty Wen
  - Harvey Bravman
  - Regie and group
  - BHS Acapella group
  - Poet Laureate
  - CC Theatre
4. New 2020 idea
  - Use traditional poetry readings to present the universality of oppression through various determinants.
5. Next Meeting
  - Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30PM in the Public Health Library