

MLK Celebration Committee
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Public Health Building – Library
5:30PM – 7:00PM

Minutes

Present: Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Bernard Greene, Bill Mitchell, Ann Kamensky, Caitlin Starr

- I. Minutes from 8/19/19 approved.
- II. 2020 Ideas
 - a. Crystal Williams – Bernard has received word from Crystal’s Assistant. Ms. Williams is available and would like more information. Bernard will try to set up a time to meet with her and the Committee.
 - i. What topic/guidelines can we communicate with Ms. Williams? Discussed the “Power of Language”, using poetry and prose in relation to MLK and racial justice. Also discussed potential topic of the diversity of black experiences and lives. Caitlin will send her poetry to Committee again. Could she be interviewed?
 - ii. Committee agreed that if Ms. Williams does agree to participate we will confirm her for the 2020 MLK Event.
 - b. Committee would like to have Reggie Gibson again for poetry; Caitlin will reach out soon.
 - c. Rob will confirm Coolidge Corner space for **Monday January 20, 2020**.
 - d. Committee began discussing Day of Service events
 - i. Inspo:Expo “mini-table” at the theater with a list of the organizations, contacts, and opportunities. Caitlin will discuss with Hadassah.
 - ii. Food Pantry – thinking of having a box at the theater and encouraging people to “make a pledge”, cash or check on the way out of the theater.
 - iii. Keep More Than Words.
 - e. Use Eventbrite again
 - f. Caitlin will reach out to HS music and poetry groups to gauge interest in being a part of the program.
- III. Other Business
 - a. Caitlin shared upcoming Office events:
 - i. Oct 2 – Voices from the Boarder
 - ii. Oct 14 – Indigenous Peoples Day
 - iii. Oct 16 – DV Vigil
 - iv. Oct 29 – DV Training
 - v. Future event on Public Health and Racism – MLK Committee would like to consider co-sponsoring.
 - b. Discussed equity and the school curriculum and how the schools talk about history and identity. We discussed having a meeting with Kalise in the School Administration Office along with the Diversity Commission and the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee.
- IV. Next Meeting scheduled for **Monday October 21, 2019 from 5:30-7PM**. Location TBD.