

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting  
November 10, 2022  
10:00AM  
Virtual - Zoom

Members Present: Rob Daves, Bernard Greene

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Public: Jack Curtis

## Minutes

1. 10/27/22 minutes approved
2. 2023 MLK Day Event (Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the Coolidge Corner Theatre)
  - a. Program
    - Keynote Speaker – (25 minutes) Edward Larson, author of “American Inheritance: Liberty and Slavery in the Birth of a Nation (1765-1795) has agreed to be the speaker. He will use the voices and words of people from this time in our history to help understand the magnitude of our past and tie it to today and themes of MLK’s civil rights focuses. Rob will see if the Booksmith would like to sell Larson’s book in the lobby. His honorarium will be \$500. Rob/Bernard will get back to Ed with exact time of event, the Title of the program, information that we will transport him to and from the airport but he needs to make his own flight arrangements; will take him to lunch/dinner.
    - Regie Gibson (10 minutes) has agreed to preform and will be doing rap/slam poetry. His honorarium is \$400.
    - Joyful Voices of Inspiration – Rob is waiting to hear back from them.
    - Poet Laureate – Jennifer Barber – Bernard will reach out and invite her read a poem
    - “Spotlight” 5 minutes for BAAFN and Brookline for The Culture to highlight their respective groups and some of the work done/upcoming
    - Caitlin is meeting with BIG to discuss recording/livestream
  - b. Discussion of Title, Poster, etc
    - “Voices of Liberty and Slavery in the Birth of a Nation”
      1. For images we could use some text (faded in back)
      2. Featured Speaker: Pulitzer-Prize winning historian, Edward Larson
      3. Regie needs to be on poster too
  - c. Budget Discussion
    - No CC cost
    - About \$500 for design and printing of poster
    - \$500 for Speaker (Ed)
    - \$400 for Performer (Regie)
    - We are requesting an \$800 sponsorship from BCF – Caitlin will submit the Sponsorship Request next week.
3. Next Meeting
  - a. Tuesday November 22 at 11:30 AM