

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee

Meeting Minutes

5/8/2023

Opening

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

Present

Cinthia Mesquita, Chair

Bindu Gupta, Vice Chair

Holly MillerShank, Member

Freddi Koss, Member

First Motion on the Agenda

Approve meeting minutes from April 10th, 2023. Minutes unavailable.

Future Motion #1

Will review minutes at next meeting

Second Motion on the Agenda

- The Shrewsbury Senior Center is hosting a town wide multicultural event planned for 9/28. Location not finalized yet. The DEIB committee will keep a representative or host a table at this event.
- Bindu Is planning the interfaith Music Festival with artists and other people representing different faiths. a possible date is for September. the idea for this Festival is to include Foods music clothing of other traditions and faiths.

Future Motion #2

- Holly will attend second meeting on May 24th at 9:30 a.m.
- Send out invites to people to gauge interest in games, activities, food, traditions, and holidays.

Third Motion on Agenda

- There will be a meeting for the affordable housing Trust to discuss the affordable housing needs in Shrewsbury.

Future Motion #3

- Cinthia will attend meeting.

Fourth Motion on Agenda

- Holly has been working on a calendar for the website with links to diversity calendars.

Future Motion #4

- The committee will need to select a calendar, add a list of websites to send to Taylor, include graphics for dates and include no homework days on the calendar. Check if the PTA calendar is copyrighted.

Fifth Motion on the Agenda

- Update on the land acknowledgment statement. awaiting communication from representative of the Hassanamisco Nipmuc.

Motion to Final Item on the Agenda

- Update on planning of Juneteenth event. The library will be closed on June 19th. Plan could be to piggyback onto food truck festival or event being hosted by the library. The committee can help promote an event on June 17th at Institute Park in Worcester. Pankaj contacted the ISOW to find out information about hosting an event there. the rental for the facility would be \$500.

Future Motion #6

- Bindu will reach out to library for event.
- Find an online event to promote.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Update on Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- Update on Juneteenth event.
- Update on Multicultural event.
- Update on Affordable Housing Trust Roundtable.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Holly, seconded by Bindu. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.