

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes:December 18, 2019

Attendance: Joe Borsellino, Michael Buckley, Chris Kelly, Margaret Matthews, Margaret Adams, Philjay Somera Solar, Diane Loude, Amy Wax Lafont

The HRC approved unanimously the November 2019 minutes.

Website

Margaret Matthews will reach out to Sarah MacDonald, Select Board Member, to see if it might be possible for the HRC to create a more dynamic resource page. Joe Borsellino will then follow up with Jon Sisson if needed.

Dedham Times Articles

Officer Michael Buckley will finish his article on human-trafficking for a January article. Diane Loude will be write February's article to highlight the town's referral service through William James. Philjay Somera Solar will write an article in March on the topic of US Census. Margaret Matthews will be able in late spring to write an article on affordable housing.

Dedham Historical Society

As a result of his article on Black veteran, Joe Borsellino meant with the Dedham Historical Society and followed up on their upcoming exhibit on Civil War letters. Perhaps in the spring, the HRC can work with the Dedham Historical Society to develop materials that showcase diverse past groups.

HRC Logo

Diane Loude is having a challenge getting in touch with the winner of the contest. She will reach out to Liliana Manos to see if she knows the parent. She has been able to edit the logo but wants to confirm with the parent and child.

I Am Dedham

January 8th at 7:00 PM is the next taping of the show. Joe Borsellino and Philjay Somera Solar have potential guests for the setting. HRC Commissioners brainstormed other potential speakers. February 1st at 7 PM is also the next additional date of the show planned.

MLK Event

Maureen Sargeant will be at the event to take pictures. She will be able to share her pictures from last year and create a slideshow of them along with the logo entries.

- STAR Market and Wegman's also contributed.
- Philjay Somera Solar will contact Stop and Shop.
- Diane Loude contacted Small Batch Cafe, and they will let us know if they can do it by Friday. Panchos and LaCocina
- Officer Buckley will remind Starbucks a week before.
- Amy Wax Lafont contacted El Centro who need a letter. Horse Thieves.
- Joe Borsellino contacted IIMassimo and they said yes.

- Blue Ribbon said yes to Chris Kelly and will contribute pulled pork with sliders.
- Margaret Matthews is in contact with BJs.
- MIT Endicott, Salem Foods, Cafe Bagel, Ripples of Hope and Kings had already contributed.
- Rob Blaney has secured \$500 donation along with water and pizza.
- Chris Kelly will contact Halfway Cafe.
- Paul McMurty will contribute pizza.

Joe Borsellino met with Arts Director. They will play with the Chorus and Band, Dry Your Tears by John Williams from the movie Amistad.

Margaret Matthews will reach out to Housing Authority. Diane Loude will send personal invitation to Disability Commission. Chris Kelly will invite Select Board. Joe Borsellino will reach out to Mayann to invite Parks and Recreation and School Committee. Philjay Somera Solar will reach out to Senator Rush and Representative Paul McMurty.

Chris Kelly will bring forms for entries to fill out.

Margaret Adams will create a flyer to highlight the African dance performance specifically.

One Book Dedham

Press release was published in Dedham Times. Dedham Public Library have been very supportive. A set of events has been planned and will continue into next month. Diane Loude will also share her recommendation for a film.

Christina King from Dedham Organization for Substance Awareness is interested in speaking to HRC about a presentation on racism and gender discrimination. Officer Buckley will invite her to the January meeting.

Next Meeting: January 15, 2020 at 7 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Adams, Clerk