

COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY

Tuesday June 13, 2023

7:00 PM

Senior Center & Zoom B

Members Present: Glenn "PJ" Eason, Hope Jones, Kristy Fuller (Alternate), Liz Hibino, Tina Prakash, Shelly Nolan (Alternate)

Members Absent: Erin Livensparger, Nancy Goodwin

Members of the Public Present: Jennifer Billingsley

1. **Liz Hibino called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.**
2. **Liz Hibino led the roll call and introductions and Shelly Nolan and Kristy Fuller were seated as voting members.**
3. **Approve Agenda: June 13, 2023:** There was a motion by Kristy Fuller, seconded by PJ Eason to approve the agenda. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
4. **Correspondence / Public Comment:**
 - a. Regional Social Justice Meeting Group Lead by Cholchester and Hebron Groups on 6/20 6Pm.
5. **Approve Meeting Minutes: May 9, 2023:** There was a motion by Liz Hibino, seconded by Kristy Fuller to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
6. **Report from Sub-Committee for Resources Brochure:** Confirmed current locations and will bring extras to schools in September. Glenn will reach out to Noel about translating the brochure.
7. **Report from Sub-Committee for Pride and Discussion:** 23 Marchers walked with us during Middletown Pride. Planning for October event with Sub-Committee. Jennifer mentioned possible grants from Sustainable CT. They will send info to the Solidarity Committee.
8. **Report from Sub-Committee for Juneteenth and discussion:** Yard Signs promoting Juneteenth went up in high visible areas and sponsor locations. YFS, Police Department, Library, Town Hall, Adams, True Vine, Public Works, and Gildersleeve. In 2024 will add signs at Town Park and Transfer Station. Liz requested help finding a picture taker for Juneteenth. Treasure Hunt Prize will be Uncomfortable Conversations With a Black Man Book. The COS and Portland Library will be hosting discussion on this book on September 18th, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Portland Library. Sub-Committee meeting to finalize tabling and set up on June 14th, 2023 at 9:30am.
9. **Report on Outreach to community committees and organizations:** PYFS responded positively about collaborating with COS. Shelly will send out a list of who has already been reached out to. Will discuss other ways and organizations we would like to collaborate with during the next meeting.
10. **Updates/Discussion on Task Force Survey Actions :** Put on hold till next meeting.
11. **Update on Town Banners:** Banners are up on main street. Will Thank Ryan and Selectmen at BOS update.
12. **Vote on a Chairperson and Note-taker for July-September :** Liz Hibino motioned to make Glenn Eason Chair and Hope Jones note taker for July, August, and September. This was seconded by Kristy Fuller. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

13. **Review Sign-ups for reporting at Board of Selectmen meetings:** June 21st: Glenn Eason; July 19th: Liz Hibino; August 16th: Kristy Fuller; September 20th: Hope Jones.
14. **Open Discussion:** None
15. **Public Comment:** None
16. **Adjourn Meeting:** There was a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10pm by Kristy Fuller, seconded by Hope Jones. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn "PJ" Eason