

**COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 8, 2022**

**PRESENT:** April Graves, Barry Rodgers, Glenn Eason, Noel Garrett

**ABSENT:** Erin Livensparger, Shelley Nolan

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Hernandez-BOS

**1. CHAIR CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman April Graves called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., Portland, Connecticut.

**2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

Chairwoman April Graves completed the roll call of members.

**3. ACCEPT AGENDA**

Noel Garrett made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Glenn Eason. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

Glenn Eason made a motion, seconded by Noel Garrett, to approve the February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

## **6. SOLIDARITY MONTH**

**Banners** - Noel is working with the Conn College students to develop the design of the banners. Discussion was had about using the 9 protected classes as the theme of the banners.

Glenn Eason made a motion, seconded by Barry Rodgers, to accept the banner design. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

**Programs** - Discussion was had about what programs the committee would be presenting for solidarity month. Different options were presented, Juneteenth and PRIDE will be a part of the month. Noel and April will meet with Janet Nocek to discuss a collaboration with the library for an event.

## **7. JUNETEENTH DISCUSSION**

### **Subcommittee Report -**

Discussion about committee members' efforts regarding contacting food trucks, speakers, and entertainment for Saturday June 18th event. April will submit the application for the Riverfront Park.

## **8. SURVEY REVIEW**

The complete survey results were handed out to each committee member and a lengthy discussion was had about the results. A list of highlights was completed and will be reviewed as guidance for the committee going forward. The survey results will be sent to each town program that was a part of the survey BOE, BOS, Youth Services, Senior Services, Police Dept.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

## **10. ADJOURN MEETING**

Glenn Eason made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Noel Garrett. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Graves, Chairwoman