

COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY

Tuesday May 09, 2023

7:00 PM

Senior Center & Zoom B

Members Present: Glenn "PJ" Eason, Hope Jones, Kristy Fuller, Liz Hibino, Nancy Goodwin.

Members Absent: Erin Livensparger, Shelly Nolan (Alt)

Members of the Public Present: Victoria Short

1. **Liz Hibino called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.**
2. **Liz Hibino led the roll call and introductions.**
3. **Approve Agenda: May 9, 2023:** There was a motion by Hope Jones, seconded by PJ Eason to approve the agenda. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
4. **Correspondence / Public Comment:**
 - a. Liz Hibino shared a recap on Rally in Rocky Hill. This rally was in response to a white supremacy group that came into town in an attempt to recruit individuals to join their hate group.
5. **Approve Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2023:** There was a motion by Kirsty Fuller, seconded by Hope Jones to approve the minutes. Vote unanimous, motion carried.
6. **Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month & Jewish American Heritage Month:** Liz Hibino proposed the committee come up with ways to honor different heritage months. Kristy Fuller Suggested Sharing historical and current trailblazers for prospective Heritage Groups. Glenn Suggested sharing list of highlights for town website to promote. Hope will share a list of Heritage months so the committee can create a list for future reference to create a calendar of posts for the town website and facebook.
7. **Report from Sub-Committee for Resources Brochure and Discussion:** Hope Jones sent brochure to town for printing of 100 copies to start, after date is added. Committee will fold these and distribute them to Town Hall, Senior Center, Police Department, Library, and PYFS. Glenn Eason will check these quarterly for refills. Glenn Eason will send the final brochure to be translated to spanish. Hope will format a digital version for schools to send out to families.
8. **Report from Sub-Committee for Pride:** We have registered for the town to march in Middletown Pride Parade on June 3rd 2023 in town solidarity. Requested any donations to be given to Qplus until the committee can take donations. <https://givebutter.com/supportqplus>. Kristy Fuller suggested making sure we have pride items to express themselves. Glenn, Kristy and Liz will notify town of date and time once information is available. The Sub-Committee for Pride will continue to work on events for October with members of the community.
9. **Report from Sub-Committee for Juneteenth:** Board of Selectmen added \$1000 to Juneteenth budget, bringing the total to \$2000. We will be able to take donations starting on July 1st, for the Committee on Solidarity under fund 84. Habitat for Humanity will pay for a vendor up to \$250. Liz suggested the committee send out thank you to the board of selectmen. Crab Shack King and No pork on this fork will be our food vendors.

10. **Report on Outreach to community committees and organizations:** Put on hold till next meeting.
11. **Updates/Discussions on Task Force Survey Actions** - Nancy Goodwin invited Portland PD to Juneteenth.
12. **Update on Town Banners:** Public works will hang at the end of May.
13. **Open Discussion:** Kristy Fuller thanked the town for working well with us on our initiatives.
14. **Public Comment:** Committee offered help to Portland Library in order to have a Juneteenth centric story walk.
15. **Adjourn Meeting:** There was a motion by Nancy Goodwin and seconded by Hope Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Vote unanimous; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn "PJ" Eason