

COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
7:00 pm  
The Waverly Senior Center and Zoom B

Meeting called to order at 7:13 pm by Glenn Eason.

Glenn read the roll call.

Present: Glenn Eason (chairperson)  
Elizabeth Hibino, Nancy Goodwin (zoom), Hope Jones (note-taker), Jennifer Billingsley (guest)

Absent: Erin Livensparger, Tina Prakash, Shelly Nolan (Alternate), Kristy Fuller (Alternate)

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion by Glenn Eason, seconded by Hope Jones to approve the agenda. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2023**

There was a motion by Elizabeth Hibino seconded by Nancy Goodwin to approve the minutes from June 13th 2023. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

**Correspondence/Public comment**

Correspondence from Caroline Murray – discussed in Juneteenth section of agenda.

No public comment.

**Resources Brochure**

Noel has not responded to Glenn on translating brochure into Spanish and Ana is traveling to Columbia. Hope will ask friends if they can translate.

Resource Brochures are left over from Juneteenth. Will check to see if they can be given to parks and rec for Fun Run. Liz will reach out to Andy.

**PRIDE Committee**

Committee hasn't set a date. Jenn B. offered Van Bynam room at Library and to assist in planning. Glenn will check with rest of committee for date. Q plus helped at last 2 rallies. Glenn will contact GSA at high school and middle school.

**Juneteenth**

June 24th at Waverly Center. Approximately 100 people attended.

John Mills recorded all the speeches and they are on the Portland Social Justice Coalition Facebook account.

Juneteenth Committee will debrief on August 3rd.

60 books were given out at the treasure hunt organized by Caroline Murray. 7 books are left. Caroline emailed with ideas regarding the extra books and the book discussion event.

6 books will be donated to the library for the upcoming book discussion on "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" by Emmanuel Acho. Discussion is on September 18th at 6:30 pm.

Discussed asking Christy Billings and Malik Champlain to lead the book discussion and option of Kwame Ocansey. Also discussed offering an honorarium to the leaders of the discussion. Committee will stay in touch with Jenn B who can check for possibility of library funding along with funding from CT Humanities.

7th book will be presented to the Sgt Cunningham at the police department along with a QR code that will link to the book by Nancy Goodwin both for his help at Juneteenth and as part of the Task Force goal actions. Jenn B will set up the QR code.

\$90 contributed at Juneteenth to the Solidarity Committee. Liz Hibino will confirm at Town Hall that the Solidarity Fund in Fund 84 has been set up and the money can be deposited.

Add donations and budget to next agenda.

Thank you notes going out.

### **Outreach Committees and Organizations**

Check with Shelly Nolan to see who she has contacted.

Some initial groups were Youth and Family Services, Senior Center, Library, Historical Society, Police Department.

Suggestion by Jenn B was to highlight one of these groups a month.

Talk to GSA in September for Pride event.

Talk to schools and board of education in September regarding updates on equity initiatives.

### **Sign-ups for reporting at Board of Selectmen**

Elizabeth Hibino, July

Kristy Fuller, August

Hope Jones, September

### **Open discussion**

Article in Rivereast highlighted history shared at Juneteenth event.

Historical Society planning a large event in August. Ask Susan Bransfield about Grant family. Maybe a display at the library.

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Ask at all events and in emails for new members or more public participation.

Chairperson will send out text messages week before and night before meetings as reminder of meetings.

Talked about an event at intervals that would include child care and dinner.

There was a motion by Glenn Eason seconded by Hope Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Vote unanimous, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hope Jones for the  
Committee on Solidarity