

HRC Meeting
Wed April 11, 2018
6.45pm-8.45pm

In attendance: K. Preftes, S. Trieff, A. Looker, A. Ibrahim, T. Getz, O. Davis, P. Blaiwas, K. Shaw, R. Robinson, M. McQuillan

Meeting called to order at 650 pm by K. Preftes.

Meeting notes from last meeting approved with three edits: spelling of Ney, adding start time for Peace Prize Awards (6.30), and removing extra comma

1. **Peace Prize:** All nominations are in except for the Immaculate Conception. T. Getz left additional materials at the IC. K. Preftes will follow-up as a last contact with them to get nominations in.
 - a. Adult coordinators will call the winners and families and notify the prize winners
 - i. K. Preftes will issue bullet points for the phone calls
 - b. Adult nominations: Andi Edgemont and Lindamae Lucas
 - c. K. Preftes will email principals with directions about the evening and updating that somebody will be speaking on the recipient's behalf
 - d. Need to bring photo permission forms (S. Treiff has)
 - e. K. Shaw will bring Peace Flags and food
 - f. K. Preftes will get winners names to the Mayor and remind her she is invited to speak
 - g. Will need to ask each recipient about the charity to donate on each recipient's behalf.
 - h. K. Preftes will bring HRC brochures and Programs – need to update with most current mission statement
 - i. A. Ibrahim will print 20 reserved signs for front row seating for winners and families
 - j. K. Shaw has arranged entertainment: Meg Groff
 - k. K. Preftes will email school district to email details about the event to the NBT school community.
2. **Holocaust series at the Firehouse Center**
 - a. Panels are set. HRC member M. McQuillan will be on the panel which will occur after the Friday night performance. Rabbi Ben will moderate this panel. K. Preftes will moderate the panel occurring after the Saturday afternoon performance.
 - b. Updated flyer posted – correction on time for the Thursday evening performance
 - c. K. Preftes will circulate panel questions for us to review for her panel.
3. **Know your neighbor**
 - a. Taping on hold until after the Peace Prize and Iftar
 - b. Will need to do a dry run with the boom mic to see if can truly help mitigate background noise while taping outside or in areas with significant background noise.

- c. Not sure if we will be able to film at the Central Congregational Church Breakfast – Rev. C. Ney concerned about sensitivity / privacy
 - d. K. Preftes met with Brian Sullivan re: rotary club
 - i. Summer date – lunch time – Late June / Early July
 - e. Farmers Market – June 3rd or 10th
 - f. Literary Festival – April 28
 - g. Market Square -- summertime
 - h. City Hall -- summertime
 - i. Rail Trail -- summertime
 - j. Kelleher Park – will speak to the Tenant’s association / Nancy Earls to arrange (K. Shaw will make contact)
 - k. K. Preftes will ask Lois about using city spaces (what is needed other than permission)
- 4. **Day of Service** – on hold
- 5. **Mini Grants** – defer this year
- 6. **Homelessless** -- P. Blaiwas mentioned upcoming meeting about Homelessness in our Local Schools. Flyer distributed and he will send us a digital version to post online.
- 7. **Firehouse** – The firehouse has approached us regarding a school violence and human rights initiative. A play entitled “The Burials” will be performed in July. We were asked if we are interested in moderating a panel discussion after the performance. Those in attendance expressed interest
- 8. Email from Pastor Matt discussed regarding recent events involving former pastor in the area.
- 9. A. Ibrahim discussed his conversation with Erika Murquart who sent us a copy of a letter she received recently. She was happy that we reached out to her and stated she would contact us if she was interested to come to a future meeting
- 10. T. Getz discussed a few interesting pieces he has come across – Last Chance for Eden / video (documentary film) and A History of the United States / book.
- 11. **Iftar** – Date for the Iftar has been set for Wed May 23rd at 6pm at the Newburyport Senior Center.
 - a. Will follow similar format to last year
 - b. Will start a little earlier as sunset is a little earlier this year to allow more school students to attend.
 - c. A. Ibrahim will work on the panel.
 - d. S. Treiff willing to be on committee to help with this event
- 12. Meeting Adjourned at 840 pm.