

HRC Meeting 5/10/18, Senior Community Center

Attend: T. Getz, K. Preftes, M. McQuillan, P. Blaiwas, S. Treiff, A. Ibrahim, B. Horne, K. Shaw

Guests: Shawn Flaherty, Ella Lane (possible future student commissioner)

Student Reps: K. Goodkind

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Minutes from April approved.

Peace Prize-

Felt to be one of the most powerful Peace Prize events. There were many, many students because there was an entire class awarded a prize. The stories were very powerful. Honoring Lindamae Lucas (deceased) brought a serious, powerful tone. M. Parent principal gave an inspirational message. Several of the stories told about the youth were very powerful. All went very well.

- We need to get emails and phone numbers on the permission slips for the future.
- IC was not present this year-there is a new administration. There is outreach happening to try and make sure they are present next year.
- Make sure the music cords etc are all set up prior to the event.
- Next year we will have the banner present.
- We are still working out the details of all the charities for the awards. Perhaps in the future, we could choose charities to donate in their honor and have the banks donate to the charity.
- Hosting-have a check in table downstairs?
- Permission form for photos could also have email, phone and info about charities.

Holocaust Remembrance series-

- Play/performance was fantastic.
- 8 P.M. start time for second night was too late; ended after 10 P.M. The presenter spoke longer than expected. Panel seemed constrained due to time.
- Probably better to have a panel or speaker but not both. Performers could debrief and then a panel might be best.
- Feedback will be provided to the presenter.
- Perhaps better advertisement through the schools.
- Perhaps 2 nights instead of 3 nights.
- Have a program that provides context.
- Tom Abrams a high school teacher would be great to draw in.
- Questions K. Preftes prepared would be great to use at the HRC retreat.
- Perhaps a future retreat to the Armenian museum in Watertown.

Know your Neighbor

- Farmer's Market to charge \$50 fee; June 3rd and July 8th-possibly are open
- Boardwalk is all set anytime
- Market square, Inn Street-City Clerk Richard Jones suggested it be run by city council. Weather permitting, Market Square-June 10th 10-noon Weather permitting; Inn Street-Friday June 22nd, 6-8 P.M.
- Waterfront-Steve Hines, June 16th 10-noon;
- Rotary to get back with dates.

Iftar: May 23rd is the date of the Iftar.

- Know your neighbor project will be introduced and everyone will introduce themselves to their neighbor. Have a Know Your Neighbor table at entrance way.
- Perhaps get Port Media to film the event-K. Shaw to talk to Port Media. Know your Neighbor will also be filmed. Perhaps questions could be asked in a quieter spot.
- S. Treiff and K. Shaw will reach out to the individual who wrote a recent letter to the editor which was anti-immigrant.
- Panel: A wonderful diverse panel was put together by A. Ibrahim: . Bil Ragan, Madina Naluule, Afnaan Quereshi, Maya El-Kanj, Mukhyao Portmann, Mohammed or Amanda Zaman
- They each will give an introduction using the Know Your Neighbor questions. Panel first, prayer outside, dinner. Filming during dinner.
- Mr. India will cater. Kids table in entry area. Arabic name tags will be made for kids. Sign up for food will occur through the HRC gmail account. Friends for Peace will likely help with funding.
- Publicity: Flyers will be posted around town. K. Goodkind will post at her school. K. Preftes is working on publicity. Clergy Association is a co-sponsor. Paper will print entire flyer. The writing committee will write a press release. K. Shaw will encourage reps from all the city agencies will be encouraged to attend. T. will invite the Marshal. It is on HRC facebook page and Peter will add to website.
- Food: S. Treiff, K. Shaw, M. McQuillan to help organize the food.
- After the event there will be an article in the paper.
- Arrive for set up at 4:30 P.M.

Check in-P. Blaiwas got good response from his article. He attended homelessness meeting and will keep us posted.

K. Preftes-Phillips Exeter made changes due to gender sensitivity.

A. Ibrahim- Updated us on the meeting held with the editor of the paper regarding the article which was anti-immigrant. CAIR (Council of American Islamic Relations) attending a meeting with Councilor A. Khan and the editor of the paper.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm