

**NEWBURYPORT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Jen Groskin, Tom Getz, Sheila Trieff, Ahmer Ibrahim, Kat Preftes, Margaret McQuillan, Camille Gimbrere, Rose Robinson,

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10
December minutes were approved after revisions
January minutes were approved after revisions**

2019 Events were discussed:

**Peace Prize will be awarded on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30
City Hall space confirmed
Paperwork to schools will be circulated (including Charter School and Immaculate Conception)
Commission members discussed possible adult /group nominees and suggestions for other sources who might wish to nominate
Commission members were assigned schools to remind them of the need for nominees, forms, etc.'
Rose and Sheila, Bresnahan, Margaret, Molin, Jen, Nock, Kat, IC, Tom, Charter, Ahmer, H.S.**

Tom will once again get flowers.

Kat will be meeting with new Newburyport Superintendent to share information about the commission and the Peace Prize

Ahmer and Peter will send bank letters requesting donations for Gift Cards to Jabberwocky: \$50 per student; \$100 for adults to the charity of their choice

Holocaust Memorial with the Firehouse

There will be a meeting with Peter, Kat and Ahmer with Firehouse staff on March 6

Based on last year's schedule, it seems the dates will be April 12, 13, 14

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Preferred date: May 22

Margaret will contact Christina Manning to reserve Senior Center space from 4-10

Know Your Neighbor updates

Reviewed use of spreadsheet and reported on the progress made by commission members to contact community members who might suggest people to be interviewed with a focus on highlighting a diverse population: (See January 10 minutes)

Follow up and outreach based on suggestions of families and individuals will continue. Kat will contact Matt Willis -Goode about reaching out to the clergy group.

(Updates at next meeting.)

**Discussion also centered on when interviews should end and issues surrounding editing and finding videographers/filmmakers
HUB training has been delayed**

Multi-Cultural Committee will meet next week

Student Subcommittee:

Youth Event Planned for March 21 - Topics include “empowering females; showing of film : *The Mask* and a gallery of images of empowerment.

Commissioner check-ins:

Kat reminded commissioners whose 3 year terms were up as to whether they would continue.

The utilization of performances of “Suitcase Stories” (immigration) was again referenced.

Ahmer spoke of positive hospital interactions, school incidents; current national racial issues (blackface) were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 with good wishes for a Happy Valentines Day!