**Hull No Place for Hate Committee: Meeting Notes**

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| **Date** | 16 Nov, 2023 | |
| **Location** | In person at Wellspring | |
| **Type** | Regular meeting | |
| **Call to Order** | 6:31PM, Val Carlson, Chair | |
| **Committee members present** | Sandie Baler-Segal  Val Carlson  Laurie Girdharry  Steve Greenberg  Deb Greenstein  Pam Wolfe  Paula Nesoff  Celia Nolan  Alternates:  Meryl Johnson  Jim Ianiri | |
| **Committee members not present** | Deb Bayer  Gabriel Ben-Yosef  Rhoda Kanet  Alternates:  Eva Das | |
| **Liaisons** |  | |
| **Guests** | **Invited** | **Public** |

Quorum met.

1. **Welcome/Land Acknowledgement /Attendance**

Land acknowledgment by Chair Carlson.

1. **Approve Minutes From August 21, 2023**

MOTION by to approve as submitted by Steve, seconded by Laurie, passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

$829.03, including $30 from recent sign sales. That is the balance for fund 592.

Treasurer Mike Buckley found fund 552, a Committee donation fund inactive for over 5 years, with a balance of $778.

Steve asked Mike about the Committee using purchase orders. Mike agreed.

MOTION to accept the Treasurer’s report made by Pam, seconded by Steve, passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. **Working Group Updates**

MLK Day

The event will be at Wellspring, with an activity between 12-2pm, and food donation day throughout the day, coinciding with regular food pantry on Mondays. Next subcommittee meeting Monday 11/27.

Jim I. suggested having a poster with portions of Dr. King’s Letter from Birmingham Jail and distributed examples. Margaret Dawson, the Mission & Outreach Committee person from Jim’s church, UCC Norwell, lives in Hull and has a relationship with Wellspring. She is able to join the event.

Feast of Conversations

Discussion of alternate dates due to school vacation and Passover. Steve will inquire about 3/24.

1. **MAPC Grant Updates**

Pam talked to Town Manager about the budget and MAPC grant updates. Jen requested information on other towns. Pam found that other towns have a staff person for similar work, which includes coordinating with a committee. Pam will relay the information to Jen.

Steve reported that Friends of Nantasket Beach discovered the survey cost higher than anticipated. Maureen at the Hull Lifesaving Museum has kept records, but only for internal metrics.

Deb has been reconnecting with new MAPC staff. The focus seems to be on larger municipalities with present problems.

Agenda item request: Paula requested writing a letter to the Town to include DEIB in the job description for Assistant Town Manager. Sandie noted the grant-writing benefit.

1. **Open Meeting Policies**

Paula reviewed the AG’s Open Meeting Policy document and affirmed that we can share reports to the Committee and reply to the sender individually. Subcommittees will post agendas going forward.

1. **Social Media Posting Protocols**

Laurie asked about protocols at the SSUC meeting. Pam reviewed the HRC site of municipal statements and has notes for the Committee to consider.

1. **Policy on Taking a Position on Current Events**

Discussion of whether a statement from the Committee would be inadequate to address the complexity of the war in Israel, or could help the community by showing the Committee is here to listen to people’s pain.

Pam provided a draft statement, which was amended through discussion.

Pam recommends tonight’s Codeswitch podcast featuring 2 Palestinian poets.

MOTION by Steve to publish on op-ed in support of peace, seconded by Paula by voice vote.

1. **Any Other Business**

SSUC - Laurie

There are collaborative events proposed:

* Brandeis Professor Sabina von Marian speaking on extremism
* “Ask a Muslim” with Aziz at Weymouth & Abington libraries

Followup from 50 States of Mind

* Paula has sent the recording link upon request.
* The Committee agreed that no further email broadcast is needed.

Pam is looking into high school representatives on NPFH Committees, and the membership mechanism for the Hingham human rights body.

1. **Closing**

The next regular Committee meeting will be Monday, Dec 11 at 6:30pm, at Wellspring.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve, seconded by Pam. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Celia Nolan, Clerk*