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Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Monday, Aug 15, 2022 Time: 6:00 PM
Via Google Meet

1. **Call to Order 6:08pm**
 - a. **Attendance** – Erin Omicioli, Alice Henley, Maricarmen Cajahuaranga, Ann Grasso, Elsie Newcombe, Monique Hennessey, Whitney Simmons, Matthew Brown
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**
4. **Town Council Liaison Report** – no update
5. **Cromwell Public Schools District Equity Committee Liaison Report** – no update
6. **LGBTQ+ Committee update** – the committee has reached out to Councilman Waters and is working with him to provide resources for the future. Matt also shared that the committee is looking to hold a play in the fall and that there is a book reading at the library on Tuesday the 16th.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Subcommittees updates** – no new updates at this time, but one will be scheduled before ice cream for a dream to finalize the event
 - b. **Creative District Summer Fest recap** – Summer Fest went well, our booth was steadily busy throughout the event. A few people showed interest in the committee and left their email address. We also had some who want to donate craft supplies and some who are interested in purchasing a DEI shirt. There may need to be further discussion on whether or not we want to sell them as a fundraiser. Erin offered to reach out to those who want to donate supplies. Ann also mentioned that the grant was submitted for the CCD use of the sewer garage and will have more information around Sept 15th.

- c. Nomination & vote for chair/co-chairs – unable to hold nominations at this meeting. New chair/co-chair needed by October.
- d. Community Outreach Survey – Alice sent the survey to the town on July 13th and has not heard back. Initial reaction was that we might not need the council to approve. Alice will reach out again for an update.
- e. Funding/ADA Basketball Event – Elsie has not heard back on any available funding, and will reach out this week for an update.

8. New Business

- a. Ice Cream for a Dream – Clare met with Emily at the library to go over the event in more detail. Two books will be read – one is our choice and the other is Matthew's, followed by a small craft. There will be a subcommittee meeting to create the craft activity and to pick the second book. There was a question about resident participation and we will need clarification from the library if non-Cromwell residents will be able to register.
- b. Trick or Trunk – everyone agreed that last year's event and want to participate again. Erin will keep an eye on PTO communications. Ann mentioned that there is some interest in having a maze, similar to pre-Covid events. Monique has an idea to collaborate with other groups.

9. Open Forum/For the Good of the Organization

- a. There was elaboration on joining with other towns and groups to help bring information and awareness of diverse cultures to Cromwell.
- b. There was a question on how to access the trainings for community conversations. As we prepare to hold these conversations there will be trainings and resources available to those who want them. Elsie also shared a link to an online free training for those who want to sign up for it. Matt has a recorded training that the LGBTQ+ committee had with the board of education that he will share with the group as well.

10. Adjourn 6:48pm

Signed,
Erin Omicioli
Secretary