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Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, Sept 19, 2022 **Time:** 6:00 PM
Via Google Meet

1. **Call to Order 6:03pm**
 - a. **Attendance:** Erin Omicioli, Carol Perry, Clare Serrantino, Alice Henley, Whitney Simmons, Ann Grasso, Beth Falcigno, Bob McNaughton
2. **Approval of Agenda** Alice motioned to approve, Clare second, passed unanimously
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes** Alice motioned to approve, Carol second, passed unanimously
4. **Town Council Liaison Report**
5. **Cromwell Public Schools District Equity Committee Liaison Report** – first meeting for ECS will be in October, and Clare will be attending
6. **LGBTQ+ Committee update** – Beth is on the committee and said that they are working on making sure language is inclusive on downloadable and printed town/school paper work. This could be a way to have DEI collaborate with the LGBTQ+ committee to offer revisions.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Subcommittees updates** – subcommittee met earlier in September to finalize Ice Cream for a Dream details and coordinate with Matthew

- b. Ice Cream for a Dream recap – there was a great turn out at the library and all participants seemed to enjoy themselves. We are thankful to Matthew and look forward to collaborating with him in the future.
- c. Nomination & vote for chair/co-chairs – Carol Perry and Whitney Simmons were nominated as new interim co-chairs by Erin. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Community Outreach Survey – Alice has not heard back from the town council. Based on the last email she has, she feels that we should send out the survey. The committee will move forward with scheduling a meeting with Dr Macri to partner with the school diversity committees and get the survey out to our community.

8. New Business

- a. Trick or Trunk – Scheduled for Oct 22 (rain date is Oct 23). Erin has confirmed with the coordinators that DEI would like to participate again this year. This year, there is an addition of a haunted hayride that groups/individuals can participate in by creating a Halloween themed scene along the path – this is in addition to creating a trunk and/or pumpkin.

- 9. Open Forum/For the Good of the Organization** – Ann asked for the committee to think about participating in next year's Rising Star program and nominations and mentioned her thanks to the new mayor and town council members who attended the Rising Star event. Ann also shared July 29th (Aug 5th raindate) as the new Summerfest date.

10. Adjourn 6:58pm

Signed,
Erin Omicioli