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Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 12, 2022 Time: 6:00 PM

In person at multi purpose room at Cromwell Town Hall and Via Google Meet

1. Call to Order 6:03pm
 - a. Attendance: Clare Serrantino, Alice Henley, Ann Grasso, Erin Omicioli, Whitney Simmons, Carol Perry
2. Approval of Agenda Motion by Erin, Second Clare, Passed unanimously
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes Passed Unanimously
4. Town Council Liaison Report
5. Cromwell Public Schools District Equity Committee Liaison Report
6. LGBTQ+ Committee update
7. Old Business
 - a. Create a subcommittee to create partnership with the library for a book club/recommended reading
 - i. Update from Elizabeth Falcigno: I want to share that Emily, the Cromwell Library youth librarian, is putting together a list of YA books with diverse characters to share with the high school. This goes along with the windows, mirrors, and sliding doors theme we discussed in November. She offered to do book tastings for students, teachers, and staff at the high school. In addition, she offered to make it possible for students to check books out then and there. I emailed Mr. Kuckle and shared this with him, asking him to pass the information along to his library media

specialist. The high school did not have any new information to share regarding the symposium on empowerment leadership. I shared that when they have a framework put together, we would be willing to take a look and see how we could support them. Anything that you would like me to pass on to the committee I am able to do so at their next meeting on the 19.

- ii. Suggestions from Maricarmen Cajahuaranga: Don't Ask Me Where I'm From by Jennifer De Leon, Living Beyond Borders: Growing Up Mexican in America by Margarita Longoria, Street Life: Poverty, Guns and a PH.D by Victor Rios, The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande
- iii. Ask Elizabeth to speak with Emily about having an adult book tasting to coincide with the YA books

8. New Business

- a. Discussion with Gloria Mengual to partner with Cromwell schools for community conversations
- b. Discussion regarding community sectors - discussion tabled
- c. CCD update from Ann Grasso regarding the next steps with the sewer garage project - town council has approved the concept of rehabbing the sewer garage, and CCD is looking for other non-profits to add their support to this project. CCD needs in-person support at town council meetings. Motion to show support of CCD proposal to rehab pending the engineering report, second by Alice. Passed unanimously.

9. Open Forum/For the Good of the Organization

- a. We need to set dates for 2023 meetings. Stay with the third Monday of each month or make a change? Next meeting is set for: Jan 9th 6pm
- b. Reach out to the town council and school superintendent ask for help and support to help grow

10. Adjourn 7:12pm

Signed,

Erin Omicioli

Secretary