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LGBTQ+ Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 **Time:** 7:00PM
VIA ZOOM

Call meeting to order 7:04 PM

- **Roll Call:**

Jacey Long, Molly Sayles, Maia Pavlick, Matt Brown, Thomas Foran, James Demetriades, Kate Puorro

- **Approval of Agenda**

-Maia Motioned

-Molly second

Unanimous vote to move forward with minutes

- **Approval of last meeting's minutes**

-Thomas motioned

-Maia Bremer

- **Chair report:** Jacey Long

Jacey introduced Matt to discuss requests to the Town Manager to consider the creation of a Pride Crosswalk.

- **Liaison report:** Kate Puorro

Kate shared feedback and reflections from the Professional Development she presented on behalf of Cromwell Youth Services to Cromwell Middle School staff (LGBTQ+ 101: Youth Issues and Cultural Competency).

James added to the Pride Crosswalk conversation, sharing the information learned from Middletown, CT.

- **Public comments:**

- Maia and Molly shared their experience from Cromwell Middle School's spirit day, Love Wins Day. It was a really wonderful event. Molly played a video created that was shown throughout the school.

- **New Business**

- **Supporting Transgender Students**

- Letter is ready to go, only needs James' signature. James will arrange to come to Town Hall to sign. Kate will send it out afterwards.

- **Pride Walk**

- Open discussion around next steps to pursue this effort and some conversation about alternative ideas should the crosswalk not be viable at this time. Motion passed unanimously to draft and send a letter to the Town Council about a Pride Crosswalk. Liaisons will also bring the issue to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee and Youth Advisory Board for consideration to co-sign.

- **LGBTQ+ Ally and Support Training**

- Thomas and Kate met to outline their vision for community offerings (Jacey was unable to attend). Kate would like to meet with Jacey about Jacey's module. Kate and Thomas are ready to present their modules to the committee as a test run. Goal is to announce these offerings before the end of June (Pride month) to run this summer. Kate will talk with the library to see if they'd like to cosponsor since these educational workshops may align with their goals.

- **Nominations for New Members**

- Matt Brown was nominated as a voting member to the committee. Passed unanimously.

For the good of the organization

Motion to adjourn: 8:16 PM, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Katelynn Puorro