

**SIMSBURY DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL
EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

March 12, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Simsbury Public Library, Wagner Conference Room

CALLED TO ORDER at 7:04 pm

PRESENT: Nicole Kodak, Mary-Margaret Girgenti, Mei Knight, Devonna Hall, Melissa Nesti-Smith, Carol Clark-Flanagan

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PUBLIC AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

LIBRARY LIAISON UPDATE: Chris Carney could not attend but sent his report which was read at the meeting. He and Nicole met on Saturday to go over details. Signage is printed and displayed at library on the first floor. Second floor will happen this week. Large sign to go on Hopmeadow Street. Everything up by Friday. Packets for the participants are ready.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR: Time given over to the final planning and questions about the Human Library Event happening on March 23rd at the Library

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes from December 12, 2023, Motion to accept by Nicole Kodak, seconded by Mary-Margaret Girgenti. Unanimously approved.
2. Minutes from January 9, 2024, Motion to accept by Nicole Kodak, seconded by Mary-Margaret Girgenti. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussed 2023/24 events:

- March 23rd from 10am– 2pm
Human Library at the Simsbury Public Library
Arrival time for books and librarians: 9:30.
The entire first floor will be given over to this event. The layout has been established. Food for the books and librarians has been ordered and will be picked up Saturday morning prior to the event. Checking out of books will happen in the program room. Discussion ensued about the logistics and procedure. Designate a room for kids.

Flyers handed out to members to put on display around town. Valley Press contacted again to remind them of the event. It has generated a lot of interest on social media.

- June 15th - Juneteenth celebration
This multi-town celebration is shaping up nicely. List of vendors and performers on board. 11am gates open.
Back-up location in case of inclement weather: Simsbury High School, 1-5.

2. **Discuss 2024/25 events:** This was put off until the next meeting since we spent almost the entire time on details and clarification of applying the training videos for the Human Library.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Melissa Nesti-Smith, seconded by Mary-Margaret Girgenti.

Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 9th, Simsbury Public Library Weatogue Room