

Present: Bernard Greene, Rob Daves, Bobbie Knable, Ann Kamensky, Christiana Akins, Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Public: Jack Curtis

Minutes

1. Minutes from 1/14/21 approved.
2. MLK 2021 Review Discussion
 - a. Caitlin will send a draft of a Thank You to Bernard and Bernard will email or mail Thank Yous to co-sponsors and participants: Howard Therman Center, Singer, Harvey, BIG, Giselle, Pat Maher, Betsy DeWitt, students in the interview, Cecilia Nardi, etc.
 - b. Caitlin will send a letter head template
 - c. Next year the Committee should have Thank Yous ready to go prior to the event so that they can go out ASAP.
 - d. There has been widespread positive feedback from the community around the event and over 600 people have watched it on YouTube.
3. Collaboration with CC Theatre (Presented by Rob)
 - a. MLK/FBI Film Panel - Coolidge is streaming film produced by Sam Pollard for a few weeks. Film depicts the FBI investigations that MLK was subjected to as a way of persecuting him. Coolidge would like to collaborate to put together a panel.
 - i. Rob reached out to a few potential panelists. Nika Elugardo has agreed.
 - ii. The panel discussion will be on Feb 24th at 8PM. Mark will get back to us with promotional material. Mark will set up Zoom, introduce the MLK Committee and Bernard will be the moderator with Sam Pollard (Director) and Nika as panelists. Mark will accept Qs from attendees and give to Bernard live.
 - iii. Will be presented and recorded on YouTube.
 - iv. MLK Committee is co-sponsoring and will be assisting with promotion.
4. Collaboration with Remote Learning Academy (presented by Caitlin)
 - a. Caitlin proposed co-sponsoring the RLA in an art/poem/essay contest for their students (grade K-8). The RLA will run the contest and submissions and the MLK Committee will host an event to honor the one winner from each grade level.
 - i. Discussed that delaying the event until MLK Day 2022 seemed really far off - could we do something in the Spring and then highlight the winners at the next MLK Day Event.
 - ii. Use our webpage to promote the winners and their work.
 - iii. Could do a short 30 min program with BIG where winners can present their winning submission.
 - iv. MLK Committee will be the final impartial judges. RLA group will give the Committee the top 4 or 5 submissions from each grade for the Committee to choose a winner from.
 - v. Give small gift cards to the winner of each grade level; K-5 get one to the Children's Bookstore and 6-8 get one to the Booksmith.
5. New Business
 - a. Christiana shared about the "Virtual Reality MLK Experience", a digital exhibit of the 1963 March on Washington. She will send the article to us and will keep it on her radar to see when the Exhibit opens.
 - b. Rob met with Giselle from BCF and had a conversation around sponsorships vs grants and BCF said there was a possibility of them sponsoring events directly.
 - c. Bobbie, Malcolm, Rob and Paul Epstein were interviewed for a Rotary Meeting about Racism in Brookline. Harvey recorded it and posted a part of the interview. Rob will share what is posted in the Brookline Hub.
 - d. Group discussed using google docs to deliberate on potential projects if it is time sensitive.
6. Next Meeting: **Thursday March 11 at 10 AM**