

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

Minutes

1. Minutes from 2/11/21 approved with one spelling edit.
2. MLK 2021 Event Thank You's
 - a. annual issue - committee members reiterated the need to work on thank you's before the event.
 - b. Bernard is sending letters to Nick Bates, Rev. Kimble, Ms. Hamilton and Gianna DiMarco, send emails to the students and make phone calls to our other supporters.
 - c. 646 Views as of this meeting.
3. Budget and Pursuing a Grant with BCF
 - a. Rob met with Giselle and they discussed the differences between sponsorships and grants.
 - b. BCF would be interested in an ongoing sponsorship for the MLK Celebration Committee.
 - c. Committee's current budget is a \$1000 line item of the ODICR budget.
 - d. Discussed the question of applying for a Brookline for All Grant for the Committee to use for the year. ODICR would apply for the grant. Caitlin will meet with Giselle to see how to pursue this (how specific or broad the "project" has to be, etc).
 - i. Discussion of using the potential funds for
 1. Better honorariums for MLK Day.
 2. Develop a concept of programming for the year and fund these
 - a. 1 or 2 collab events with BU or other local universities.
 - b. Consider virtual or in person
 3. Find speakers who are thought provoking
 - ii. How much - up to \$2500.
4. New/Other Business
 - a. Bobbie proposed pursuing how young people encounter race; using the information rendered as a baseline and have the committee commit to the future.
 - i. Caitlin shared with the Committee the upcoming Dialogue Program - could do something similar to this but directly geared towards teens.
 - b. Bernard proposed the possibility of developing programs that help people think about how they view others and different sides of issues. How do we better understand others and be respectful while not agreeing.
 - c. The MLK/FBI panel discussion is on the MLK Celebration Committee website.
 - d. Christiana recommended the committee have a more structured dialogue about the cadence of the year.
5. Next Meeting is Thursday April 15th at 10AM