

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting  
Thursday September 23, 2021  
10:30 AM  
Virtual - Zoom

Members Present: Rob Daves, Bernard Greene, Bobbie Knable, Christiana Akins, Ann Kamensky

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

### Minutes

1. 8/19 min approved
2. 2022 MLK Discussion
  - a. Christiana reached out to Professor Moss and asked if instead of trying to set a meeting to send a formal email regarding the Committee's request/proposal of what they are asking of him and then move forward from there. Christina and Bernard will work together on the letter, Caitlin will put on letterhead and Christina will send by Monday 9/27 (goal).
    - i. – Include brief history of past events and some past themes and speakers.
    - ii. – This year the event will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the CCT (ideally in person).
    - iii. – This year the Committee would like to focus on the Continuum/Examination of Voting Rights.
    - iv. – We can use a keynote speaker format or a more engaging back and forth.
    - v. – Small honorarium in appreciation
  - b. Bernard will confirm with Regie Gibson about participating.
  - c. Christina will bump her inquiry to the Harvard Kumba Singers
  - d. Utilize the screen for PSAs? Or put them in print. Caitlin mentioned need to consider timing of event if in person.
  - e. KI – if KI is able to hold their dedication in person, Rabbi Hamilton can do a 5 minute segment for the MLK Day event on MLK/Heschel. Caitlin will invite Rabbi Hamilton and Hadassah to November meeting.
  - f. Posters – Rob will ask Kristin if she is interested, if not Caitlin recommended asking Annika Sarin. Also a discussion of considering environmental impact of printing amount of posters/papers used. Etc.
3. Day of Service Items
  - a. Inspo:Expo – Caitlin/ODICR will support Hadassah with any needs for this event
  - b. Chobee: interested in doing book drive for More than Words at Booksmith? Rob said he would reach out and speak to her.
  - c. Potential volunteer opportunity: painting collab or other possible project in collaboration with BHA?
4. Update on Reggie Harris (Spring Event)
  - a. Reggie and Wallis are able to do Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon.
  - b. Committee voted to approve moving forward with planning this Spring Event
  - c. Will look into a potential BCF sponsorship or grant funds as event would cost approx. \$2500
  - d. Rob will contact Reggie's agent and Wallis and being working on a proposal for BCF.
5. Next Meeting: **Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am**