

MLK Celebration Committee Meeting
Thursday December 9, 2021
1:30 PM
Virtual - Zoom

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

Public: Jack Curtis

Other: Caitlin Starr (ODICR)

Minutes

1. 12/2/21 min approved with edit to spelling of name
2. Discussion of 2022 Event
 - a. Discussion of shifting to virtual (pros and cons)
 - No current Town or State restriction but that could change.
 - Need to think about our program and how long it will take to shift to virtual and what that will take.
 - Need to think about comfort level of residents and access to the CCT.
 - Ultimately the Committee decided to shift the annual program to a virtual event to premier at 3PM on Monday January 17th.
 - b. Possible Musical Performances
 - Riley Vogel – Ann spoke briefly with member of the Board of the Brookline Music School. They are not in person at all at this time. Ann will call Director and see if there is a possibility now that entire program is virtual.
 - Rob reached out to Zaida Lambe and through her contacted her Gospel Choir, Joyful Voices. However, they are not meeting or practicing and not able to perform this year. MLK Committee would like to keep them in mind for future events.
 - Rob will ask Zaida if she would like to do a solo.
 - Poet Laureate on board – Jennifer Barber – suggested poem by Robert Hayden
 - c. Draft Program:
 - Utilize Gianna’s “Lift Every Voice” from last year (4 min)
 - Welcome from Bernard Greene (5 min)
 - MLK/RLA 1st Place Video (7min)
 - Poet Laureate (4 min)
 - Rabbi Hamilton (5 min)
 - Regie Gibson (10 min)
 - Keynote with Prof. Tsai (30 min)
 - Thank you and Goodbye from Bernard (5 min)
 - d. Caitlin and Bernard will reach out to BIG, keynote, and performers to them know of change to virtual
 - e. Rob will let CCT know.
 - f. Bernard and Caitlin reached out to Prof. Tsai to confirm theme and title for keynote.
3. Poster
 - a. Roughly 400.00 to print 450 11x7 – Rob will find out about printing 200?
 - b. No printed program needed/no eventbrite needed
 - Will utilize website for any printed information.
 - c. Premier at 3pm, available after at (insert link or specific language). Caitlin and Rob will discuss specific language.

- d. PR: Kiosk, 11x17 printed posters that Rob will distribute to local businesses (Caitlin will help as she can), email jpeg for website, email networks, Schools, Library, Social Media, TAB, etc
- e. Title needs to be finalized:
 - Voting Rights: The Struggle Continues
 - 1. Caitlin will get feedback from Prof. Tsai before final poster sent to be printed.

4. Next Meeting: Monday Dec 20th at 1PM