



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMISSION

Wednesday May 23, 2018

The meeting began at 4:30 pm. Quorum met at 4:40.

Commission Members: Marcus Debro, Lily Kleinlein, James Sanders, Dianne Shoemaker

Associates, Dan Enslow

Staff, Guests: Michael Shermis, Thomas Nguyen

Thomas is a new intern from Kelley School of Business. He is helping Michael with various projects through CFRD.

Approval of Minutes: Dianne made a motion to accept the April minutes as written, James seconded. All approved.

Staff Liaison Report: All updates are included in the business items below.

Old Business:

A. Nonviolent Civic Engagement Initiative (Lily/Michael): Lily shared that a brochure is nearly ready for distribution and they are also going to create a simpler piece for social media and print. Marcus said he would like materials to hand out at school, and suggested a poster of the 6 steps. Dan asked if the initiative needs presenters. Michael clarified that experts who can facilitate or consult are more what the initiative will need than formal presentations. But they might need a list of formal presenters, too, TBD.

Daryl Davis is coming in August to kick off the initiative with a highly participative forum or workshop at the Library. The group wants him to act as a subject matter expert on strategies of nonviolence rather than doing a lecture. Funding is committed from MCPL, IU PACE, and CFRD so far. The group is looking into whether this can be an afternoon event with transportation from the schools, otherwise it will take place early evening but will still be geared toward youth.

B. MLK Birthday Celebration 2019 Speaker Selection: Michael is working through the proper channels of NAACP to find out whether they can provide a speaker for our event. He is hopeful that one of the either Sherilyn Ifill or Janai Nelson will work out.

C. Signing of Remembrance Commemoration Volunteer Cards: Michael handed out thank you cards for the commission members to write and sign. The cards are for all of the individuals and organizations who helped with the remembrance event in April. Everyone thought the cards are something we should do for all of our events, and we discussed the possibility of asking local youth to design 4 cards that we can print and use in the future.

New Business: None

Public Comments:

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Marcus said that Angie Cannon, a teacher from North, took a group of students on a Freedom Trip to South Bend. They will be reaching out to the community and possibly the commission to ask for help covering the cost of the bus trip.

Announcements:

- Dan shared information about the Noah's Ark Interfaith project. He asked for Marcus's assistance to get information into the schools. Marcus explained that he may be able to share the information with student clubs but has to be careful about any religious connotation in materials that the school distributes.
- Dianne shared that the next meeting for Bloomington United will take place June 18 at 5:30. All are welcome.
- Dianne shared that The Tempest will be performed as part of Shakespeare in the Park (Third and Lincoln). 7pm May 31-June 2, 3pm June 3. Admission is free. She is playing a role in this and another upcoming community theater production.
- James shared that the Commission on the Status of Black Males has a new member- Kourtney Byrd. They are also working on a health fair but it will be held off until after the summer months.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 27, 2018 4:30-5:30 p.m. (McCloskey)

July 25, 2018 4:30-5:30 p.m. (McCloskey)

August 22, 2018 4:30-5:30 p.m. (McCloskey)