

Plymouth No Place For Hate Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2023
Zoom @ 7:30 PM

Attending Members: Barbara Aharoni, Michelle Badger, Sarah Sibley, Peter Matlon, Suzanne Goldberg, Yuna Yi, Betsy Connell, Jon Plate, Sue Moore, Kathy Dunn, Ken Dicks

Attending Associates: Andrea Plate, Nancy Morse

Visitors: Joyce Schorr, Madigan Chubb (new PSHS representative), Malachi Harris, Kathy Marks
Call to Order: 7:35 PM by Vice Chair who welcomed the attendees.

Chair Report: No new information from the Chair. Yom Hashoah service was nice. The readings were new and different but the turnout was disappointing.

Minutes Review: Peter Moved second by Michelle, approved unanimously

Treasurer Report: Report is unchanged from last month. Betsy mentioned she would not be seeking re-election.

Liaison Reports

- Police: N/A
- Select Board: N/A
- Library: N/A
- School: Last meeting Yuna showed the video that the school worked on. She is still speaking with her advisors about sharing it on the no place for Hate website and will get back to us. She reshared the very powerful video that they created for those who were not there last time. Peter asked what feedback she had received and the response from staff and administration. Yuna mentioned that Dr. Campbell has seen it and that it was shown at professional development. The goal is for each school to create a similar project. Peter also asked about No Place for Hate and how we can help. Teachers are interested in working with No Place for Hate. Michelle mentioned that it should be in front of the diversity committee and the school committee also. Kathy Dunn also mentioned that it should be presented to the league also and that the League and NPFH should work on this together. Peter also mentioned sharing with Cape Cod Coalition.
- QCA: Jon mentioned that we received one nomination from Rising Tide Charter School. The deadline is in two days. He suggested that we approve this nomination pending if there are any other nominations so that we can get on the schedule for the presentation. Jon moved that we vote to approve Grace Hamilton as the/a recipient and award her 250.00 and Ken seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- PAICA: This Sunday, May 7th the interfaith clergy is having a retreat. The next meeting is on May 16th. Sue was very impressed at the people who did come out to Yom Hashoah.
- LWV: Kathy Dunn wants to remind people of the Spire hosting Race and Song: A Conversation. Katherine Jackson and Kathy Dunn were interviewed on Local Seen for the event. The flyer is on the website. The Spire is doing much of the work for us along with Evelyn Strawn. Kathy contacted the teen librarian to promote it with her teen group. If people have an issue with the fees please reach out. It is May 11 at 7 PM. Kathy will ask about selling T-shirts at the event. Both organizations would have a chance to speak before the show. Kathy asked about this going into church bulletins.
- Media: N/A

Learning Exercise: Barbara liked the article about the Asia Pacific railway and thought it was great. Jon said he learned how little he knows about American history and then the segue of the Asian workers not being allowed to come to this country. Michelle mentioned that it is a long twisted horrible history with Asian countries. Ken mentioned that the major industrialists would exploit people for labor like that. Peter mentioned that he had never heard of Angel Island and found that shocking and the differential treatment. Barbara agreed. Sue had trouble getting into the video. Sarah said it was halfway down.

Old Business:

- Budget Committee: N/A

- Coffee House: Most everything is done. Barbara has just a few more things to pick up. On Eventbrite, we have 28 tickets sold. Some are us and some are others. If people could arrive around 6 to help set up that would be helpful. Madigan will make an announcement about it at school. Jon offered to make a couple saw horses with signs to point toward the event. Do people think we need to have a police presence? Michelle asked if we would be charged. Barbara said sometimes they will just show up. Susan said in the past for NPFH they have not charged us. Ken said they would just drive around and pop in a few times. Peter asked if there was a sense that we need help from the police. Sarah said not in the past. Barbara asked if the police would be a deterrent to the undocumented. Barbara said that members at the synagogue would not come without a police presence. Sarah will follow up with the police to ask that they are nearby.
- Juneteenth: Kathy mentioned partnering with the AME Church and volunteered to help if Vedna didn't have time
- Pride Festival: June 25th. We were asked to be a vendor again. Peter would be interested in volunteering. Barbara said she would help as well. Jon, Nancy, Suzanne, Yuna, Kathy Marks, and Michelle Badger also volunteered to help. Nancy volunteered to bring the tent. Sarah will confirm us as a vendor.
- New Business: Officer election is next Month, Chair, Vice Chair, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer are the positions available. Please send nominations to Michelle. Sue asked about term limits and what that means. The town manager is the one implementing this. It is a three-year term. Sarah will find out what exactly that means so that we have the information by June. Our next meeting is June 8, 2023. Jon asked about the requirements for associate members. Sarah said that they just need to let the committee know, typically it would be someone who attends regularly. Sarah asked Barbara for her list so that she can combine the associate member list. Jon suggested that with the elections coming up that we reach out to members that are not active to resign if desired.

Meeting Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Michelle motioned, Jon seconded

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary,
Katherine Jackson