

Dedham Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Joe Borsellino, Vicki Castagnola, Sari Chait, Julie Jeannetti, Jim Kaufman, Chris Kelly, Sean Molloy, Sgt. Jason Sullivan.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration

The group provided updates on the status of performances, donations, participants, and all other arrangements for the sixth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration at Dedham Middle School. The schedule and timing for the evening was established, as well as the order of HRC members who will be presenting (Joe, Julie, Jason, and Sean). Joe has met with the keynote speaker, Dr. Edith Bazile, and reports that she is prepared. The group watched a film about a local academic academy with a majority-minority student body to consider whether it could be shown at the event; it was determined that it was interesting but felt too promotional.

Non-profits who are setting up informational tables in the library will be contacted and asked to arrive between 4:30 and 5 for set-up. HRC members should arrive by 4:30; all members were assigned to particular stations/duties. One student from each grade level (elementary, middle, and high school) will read a brief essay at the event. Thanks to donations from local churches, HRC t-shirts will be given away to attendees. Jason will collect food from participating restaurants and vendors + other items from Ocean State Job Lot, Chris will pick up items from Wegman's.

Jim offered to provide initial payment to performers; he will then provide receipts in order to be reimbursed by the Dedham Cultural Council, who have awarded the HRC \$1000 toward the event.

I Am Dedham

The January episode of "I Am Dedham" will be replaced by Dedham TV's recording of the MLK Day event. The February episode will be hosted by former HRC member Leslie Sattler and will focus on Title IX.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.