

# COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY

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## Special Meeting

**Tuesday February 20, 2024 7:00 PM**

Portland Senior Center, 7 Waverly Avenue, Portland Connecticut 06480

In-person and Zoom B -- **ID: 352 700 8408 Password: 113ct**

Members Present: Glenn "PJ" Eason, Liz Hibino, Nancy Goodwin, Hope Jones, Kristy Fuller

Members Absent: Erin Livensparger, Tina Prakash, Shelly Nolan (Alternate),

Members of the Public Present: Jennifer Billingsley

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1. Call Meeting to Order: **Liz Hibino called meeting to order at 7:04 PM.**
2. Roll Call: **Liz Hibino led roll call, Kristy Fuller was seated as voting member.**
3. Approve Agenda: **Liz Hibino motioned to approve agenda Seconded by Glenn Eason and voted unanimously.**
4. Correspondence/Public Comment: **Susan Malecky shared information on the process for adding new members. Resigning members need to notify the town clerk.**
5. Approve Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2023: **Nancy Goodwin motioned to approve minutes, Seconded by Liz and voted unanimously.**
6. Donations and budget: **\$200 For Stonewall Speakers Deposited. Glenn will send thanks. Jennifer Billingsley requisitioned \$200 to pay for Stonewall Speakers. \$250 deposited from Caroline Murry and \$250 from Habitat for Humanity, to purchase 70 discounted tickets to Wadsworth Atheneum for Juneteenth Event Prizes. Atheneum website stated 17 and younger have free admission. Will recommend only handout tickets to adults, after admission is clarified.**
7. PRIDE: **Stonewall speakers set for Saturday, April 20th at 1pm. The panel will be at the Portland Library in the Mary Flood Room. Glenn Eason will create a flyer. Next Pride Workgroup meeting is Saturday 3/2 11am in the Study Room.**
8. Juneteenth: **Discussed addition of bands to Juneteenth events and possible logistics of the day. Liz Hibino and Barbara Shaw (from the Juneteenth workgroup) visited the school and met with Dr. Britton, Eric Martin, and Bob Shea. Recommend to use the Middle School side because of the auditorium and open space. Discussed the time frame of the program; agreed we were all ok with 1030 am to 330pm. Liz will check to see if they can take ads for the Juneteenth Pamphlet.**

9. Black History Month & oral history project: **Nancy will do opening remarks and create a new COS handout. Agreed to show up at 12:30 to help if you can.**
10. Follow-up: Social Work in Law Enforcement(SWLE): **Hope discussed highlights of PowerPoint and encouraged all to go through. Glenn reviewed highlights from Articles Matt sent to the group.**
11. Report/discussion: Solidarity in the Community:
  - a. Outreach to community: **Continue to place events in Rivereast**
  - b. Survey follow-up actions: **SWLE follow up**
  - c. Town events and meetings, sign-ups for Board of Selectmen meetings: **Liz attended a few board of ed meetings. Hope will attend the BOS Meeting this month. Glenn will attend the March 20th meeting.**
12. Upcoming Committee on Solidarity meetings: **After a short discussion we decided to keep meeting the same. 2nd Tuesday, at Senior Center, 7pm.**
13. Open Discussion: **Liz Recommended We Keep Sharing Flyer about Black History Month Panel.**
14. Public Comment: **None**
15. Adjourn Meeting: **Liz motioned to adjourn at 835pm, Seconded by Nancy and voted unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,  
Glenn "PJ" Eason