

COMMITTEE ON SOLIDARITY

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Regular Meeting

Tuesday March 12, 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, Kristy Fuller, Cindy Tyler

Members Absent: Tina Prakash, Shelly Nolan (Alternate), Nancy Goodwin,
Hope Jones

Members of the Public Present: Emily Horn

1. Call Meeting to Order: Liz Hibino called meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. Roll Call: Liz Hibino lead roll call and introductions. Kristy Fuller was seated as a voting member.
3. Approve Agenda: Glenn Eason motioned to approve agenda Seconded by Liz Hibino and voted unanimously.
4. Correspondence/Public Comment: Liz Hibino reviewed some of the rules of being on a town committee, such as quorums, voting, and reporting to the Board of Selectmen.
5. Approve Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2024: Liz Hibino motioned to approve minutes, Seconded by Cindy Tyler and voted unanimously.
6. Donations and budget: \$500 donated for purchase of Wadsworth Atheneum tickets should have been approved for release. Liz Hibino will follow up to ensure there are no issues.
7. PRIDE: Glenn Eason reviewed past Pride events held in Portland. Reviewed Stonewall Speaker flier and event, which will be on 4/20 1pm at Portland Library's Mary Flood Room. Glenn Eason will verify the age range with Stonewall Speakers and email Rivereast to publish the event announcement.
8. Juneteenth: Liz Hibino completed Building use form and confirmed tickets cover admission to Wadsworth Atheneum and Amistad Exhibit. Juneteenth event time of 10:30am to 3:30pm has been confirmed and approved by event space. Next Juneteenth workgroup will be on March 19th, 12pm.
9. Black History Month & oral history project: Discussed our personal impressions of the Black History Panel event. Liz Hibino will obtain and share video of the event. Since the turnout was over 60 people, with interest in continuing the conversation. We will continue to work with Portland Historical Society on the next oral history event with additional panelists and light reception afterwards. The Next Meeting will be in April.

10. Social Work in Law Enforcement(SWLE): Liz Hibino gave an overview of our previous meeting with Matt Solek regarding SWLE and the resources he shared with the Committee on Solidarity. Liz Hibino reached out to Samantha Inniss from SWLE in order to discuss ideas about integrating the program.
11. Solidarity in the Community
 - a. Outreach to community, recruiting new members: Glenn Eason will reach out to Riverest to post the Stonewall Speaker Announcement. Liz Hibino will reach out to the Housing Authority to see if we can advertise to recruit COS members in their monthly newsletter.
 - b. Survey follow-up actions: Liz Hibino will follow up with Samantha Inniss from SWLE.
 - c. Town events and meetings, sign-ups for Board of Selectmen meetings: Glenn Eason will attend the March 20th BOS meeting, Liz Hibino will attend on April 17th, Cindy Tyler will attend on May 15th, and we will confirm with Hope Jones about attending in June.
12. Open Discussion: Cindy Tyler would like to discuss The State of Black America report by the National Urban League and find ways to see how our community compares with the National Urban League's findings. We will add this to future agendas.
13. Public Comment: None
14. Adjourn Meeting: Liz Hibino motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:31pm, Seconded by Kristy Fuller and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn "PJ" Eason