

No Place for Hate Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2015
5:30 p.m.
120 Washington Street, 3rd Floor

Members Present: Chair Jeff Cohen, Vice-chair Scott Weisberg, Treasurer Lucy Corchado, Clerk Jean Rockett, Councilor Joe O'Keefe, Shawn Newton.

Guests Present: Rev. Joe Amico, Councilor Bill Legault, Councilor Elaine Milo, John Young, Chrissy Kenney, Kathy Lique, Deb Greel,

Officer Reports:

Clerk – March minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer – current balance \$1412.73.

- \$189.75 reimbursement for white ribbon purchase received from HAWC
- \$40.00 paid to reserve booth at North Shore Pride Festival
- \$65.00 paid to Gangi Printing for business cards
- Treasurer's Report approved unanimously.

Vice Chair – fundraising

- Car Wash fundraiser: half of the funds raised to be donated to NPFH – no date yet
- NS Pride Festival: as in past we'll plan to have water and get donations for a raffle

Chair – discussed highlights of recent events

- Jeff spoke about his appearance on Leo Jodoin's local cable TV show that provided opportunity to increase awareness of NPFH
- Recapped Salem's Film Fest, which was great
- Film Series for Social Justice may have potential for collaboration on 3-4 movies per year

Public Comments:

John Young, a Salem citizen for 8 years spoke about a number a challenges he has faced in his life as a person of short stature. He told about his journey from his childhood in Canada to living in Hong Kong and finally landing in Salem. John is a husband, a father, and a teacher as well as a marathon runner who maintains dual citizenship. He's been relentless in his training regimen as he hopes to run this year's Boston Marathon. He shared his mantra '#be the hammer' after being in Boston two years ago and again last year when he was hit by illness and became unable to complete. We'll all be supporting John in this year's run to the finish.

Chrissy Kenney shared about the Walk for HAWC coming up on Sunday, April 26th. The walk will begin at noon, but registration starts at 9am. Sign up via the internet is fast and easy, everyone is encouraged to walk -individually or with some friends as a team! If you're unable to walk there are volunteer opportunities as well! It's a 3 mile walk that begins and ends at the Salem Common.

This year's goal is to raise over \$100,000 to support their programs. Every dollar raised goes to the men, women and children served by HAWC. Services are provided to victims of domestic abuse but programs are also provided to change patterns of aggression to end abuse. There is also a social justice component offered at HAWC.

Promotional Materials

- ADL will let us keep NPFH logo
- Potential for rebranding
- Discussion will continue

Hate Crimes Awareness (Diversity) Program

Meeting last month with Deputy Chief Mary Alice Doyle (DA's Office) final approval with edits given. Waiting for feedback on final version.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 2, 7:30pm at Tabernacle Church to benefit HAWC: Peace Pipes Concert
Saturday May 9, 1-3pm at the PEM: Drop in Art Making - for children and families
Mayor would like to do Salsa Sundays in Peabody Park

May Speakers

Come from the Commission on Disabilities: Co-Chair Andy Lapointe and Member David Moisan

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjournment: 6:50 P.M.