

**No Place for Hate Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2015
5:30 p.m.
120 Washington Street, 3rd Floor**

Members Present: Chair Jeff Cohen, Vice-chair Shawn Weisberg, Lt. Conrad Prosinewski, Rebecca Comage, Treasurer Lucy Corchado, Clerk Jean Rockett

Guests Present: Nichole Snow, Rob Lutts

Public Comments:

Rob Lutts - Salem: A City of Inclusion

The goal of the event to be held at the Tabernacle Congregational Church on January 19th is to solidify the community, give us more backbone and reduce prejudice and discrimination. A panel will include Mayor Driscoll, Rev. Joe Amico from Tabernacle Church and Scott Weisberg from NPFH.

Nichole Snow – Medical Marijuana

Explanation of certification to grow marijuana as well as safe and reasonable access to marijuana. Concerns regarding discrimination particularly where it may affect program participants in housing. Jeff will consult Kristian regarding non-discriminatory language.

Officer Reports:

Clerk - Minutes: Minutes approved.

Treasurer –\$982.00 raised, \$1614.83 to work with

Vice Chair – Looking forward to speaking and hoping for good attendance at the event on 1/19. Would like to see NPFH logo on all materials in which we participate.

Chair –feedback from people at fundraiser indicated there's lots to be done and more needs to be added to our agenda.

SSU MLK Day Vigil, March & Convocation Update

Rebecca reported progress on the Freedom March. Jeff found items with total cost of \$130 for all prizes including DVD, 'Eyes on the Prize', books, 'America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965' and 'Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings of Martin Luther King'. Rebecca offered a book, 'Martin's Big Words' that she has for the elementary student winner. The committee agreed that this would be a good choice for the younger winner and approved Jeff's purchase of items for prizes not to exceed \$130.

Jeff to offer a brief welcome on behalf of No Place for Hate and Shawn will have a formal role in the program at SSU.

Housekeeping

NPFH has a Gmail account: salemnoplaceforhate@gmail.com. Business cards discussed and approved. Palm cards and QR code with link to website will be discussed at next meeting.

Potential NPFH Letter to Victims

Discussion about creating 2 letters to victims. First, introducing NPFH offering support including potential card/pamphlet with second letter to victims featuring community resources.

SAF/SSU/HAWC/NPFH Everyone's Salem Film Series

Consider reaching out to Rob and Chris. Talk to Anthony (HAWC) about *Dear White People*. Check out *Selma* in February. Potential to sponsor a film with Salem Award Foundation. Explore reaching out to Paul Van Ness. Lucy to check into Peace and Social Justice Week.

Diversion Program Update

Conrad reported having a nice meeting with Mary Alice Doyle of the DA's office. The concern was more for language and it's written. Now the focus is to get the ball rolling as an optional and viable for disposition for cases.

Follow-up on cases: North St. case, all parties have retained attorneys. Attorneys have communicated with attorneys. She has moved home. Gary had past incidents with neighbors and attorney wrote to neighbors.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjournment: 6:45 P.M.