

November 20, 2014

Members attending: Sally Kearns, chair; Dave Mckenna; Paul Pawlak; Betsy Katz; Ginny Sidmore; Cathy Sullivan Bradley, and staff, Susan Fletcher;  
Guests: Tim Jeffreys; Jenna Glazier; and Derek Bean

NB: MLK Event subcommittee meeting discussions seemed to OOOZE into the main meeting around 7pm with discussions with the SUFA students. The scribe de Jour had to leave the Subcommittee meeting to attend a short meeting of the Danvers Finance Committee at 6:55 and returned at 7:10 to the meeting in process.

Discussion of MLK program with students Jenna Glazier and Derek Bean officers of SUFA, and their staff advisor, Tim Jeffreys

Program to be held in atrium at DHS will include music, coordinating with Alex Grover, a food collection for the Danvers Food Pantry, readings of quotes or excerpts from appropriate speeches, a possible Art exhibit, if it can be arranged with the school dept, and will hopefully remain on display thru the month of January. School Liaison committee will discuss this with School Administration. The SUFA students said they attempted an interschool Party last year, which was only attended by one out-of-Danvers student, but it was an enjoyable program; they will attempt again this year.

Tim Jeffreys said he had been trying to get info on the Northern Essex Community College Diversity Seminar held in past years, but was unable to contact anyone at the college who knew what he was taking about. He asked DCfD for contacts or leads to Prgrams or conferences.

Sally suggested they do a film series similar to ours, Ginny suggested a trip to the Salem State U. Holocaust Center.

SUFA students were asked if there were any Students in Transition issues; there is one student, who is getting great support from most students, but his parents are not accepting the situation well. However, the Students find it is difficult to discuss such issues in class.

It was suggested that SUFA could/should add a link on our website to give better exposure to their programs and accomplishments.

Sue Tagg is in charge of the Food collections, it is believed that students can get community Service hour credits for helping to load the food in the Senior Center Van, that will hopefully be used to deliver the collected food to the Food Pantry. Discussed selling tickets or just having donation box: consensus was to go with the donation box: donations should go to OUR programs/scholarships, not to the food pantry; we need the funds too.

There was discussion of SUFA's mission statement: It includes the concepts of Equality, Awareness, and Openness: Committee members Liked this.

Someone suggested we could blow up inspirational quotes and post them on the walls, along with the art exhibit.

**Minutes:** correction p2 under New Business- Charles was honored 11/19, not 11/15. D Mckenna noted that his motion encouraged Christian groups to place a

Crèche (nativity scene) in town as well: consensus is that the minutes reflect ALL groups are welcome to display: no amendment needed.

(discussion ensued about how we can allow religious symbols on Town property in Light of "Separation of Church and State"? It was noted by members that First Amendment says nothing about Separation, it merely prohibits establishment of a State religion, and ensures the right to worship (or not) as one pleases.

**Paul Pawlak moved, Sally Kearns 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve as amended. Passed unanimously**

Paul Pawlak asked if we have to give scholarships to those who submit an application. Consensus is no: we can recommend someone we feel is deserving. More concerns expressed that many applicants seem to have NO CLUE what we are looking for.

Discussion ensued about an annual calendar of events/programs/goals she emailed out 11/6/14.

We will review list of financial supporters from last years and reach out to them again. Sally will email draft letter to North Shore Bank for David McKenna to submit; Paul Pawlak will submit online application to Eastern Bank.

Betsy Katz is working on the flyer with assistance from a friend named Donna King. She is a graphic designer

Sue Fletcher will email DCfD letterheads to all committee members

Ginny Sidmore moved, Betsy Katz 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn: passed at 8:36