

TEAM Westport Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2011, 7:30 AM
Room 201
Westport Town Hall, Westport, CT

Attendees: Maggie Mudd, Harold Bailey (Presiding), David Levinson, Bernicestine McLeod, and Dolores Paoli

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM.

New Business

Harold welcomed Maggie Mudd to the group.

What's Up?

- 1) We had a discussion about the movie [and book] *The Help* and its relevance as a potential topic for a conversation in town.
Action: We'll brainstorm to determine if we should sponsor a showing of the movie or any other ideas to encourage discussion.
- 2) What's Westport doing for 9/11? One observance will take place in Stamford, one in Fairfield (Interfaith) at 4PM. There will be low key observances at Norwalk Community College. We would be interested in determining the impact of 9/11, if any, on today's kids.
- 3) Amy Waldman, author of *The Submission*, appeared at the Library to discuss her novel that discusses the plans for a 9/11 memorial and the controversy surrounding the choice of a design by a Muslim. This is a fictional account; however, Harold reflected upon the reaction to Maya Lin when she designed the Vietnam Memorial.
- 4) There is a TV show in Canada called *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, a sitcom similar to *The Cosby Show*, that "focuses on the comedic outlook of a small Muslim community interacting with the citizens of a little prairie town in Canada. The sitcom reveals that although we are different in ethnicity and in skin color, we are all surprisingly similar when it comes to family, love, the generation gaps, and our attempts to balance our secular and religious lives while trying to understand those of others in the community."

Program Committee Report:

Harold reviewed the suggestions for *Raisin in the Sun* programming next year that were compiled at last month's meeting. He'll follow up with the Playhouse with the list and start determining what's doable. The Playhouse will present a reading of Clybourne Park around the time of *Raisin in the Sun*.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2011, at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernicestine McLeod
Secretary