

TEAM Westport Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2013, 7:30 AM
Room 201
Westport Town Hall, Westport, CT

Attendees: Catherine Onyemelukwe, Harold Bailey (Presiding), Brett Aronow, Maggie Mudd, Bernicestine McLeod, and Barbara Butler

The meeting was called to order at 7:45AM

Catherine moved that the minutes for the January 8th, 2013, meeting be approved. Maggie seconded. The minutes were approved.

New Business

What's Up?

We paused for a moment to remember Tracy Sugarman (artist, author, film maker) and to acknowledge his passing. Tracy was one of our TEAM Westport Diversity Trailblazer Award winners and made a major contribution during the Civil Rights movement and many other periods of his life.

We briefly discussed the issues in the gun control debate.

Old Business

Programming Strategy and Game Plan

1. We have a busy schedule for February with some events of interest:
 - Harold will be presenting to the Sunrise Rotary on February 8th at 7:30AM, rescheduled from November.
 - *Intimate Apparel*, a play by Lynn Nottage, will be read at the Playhouse on Monday, February 11th. Tickets are on sale for this reading and a sizeable audience is expected.
 - Eric Falkenstein is scheduled to present on next Tuesday, February 12th at 7:30 PM at the Library. He is working on a play about Dr. Martin Luther King and will share some of his research. He hopes to have with him a minister from Alabama and perhaps someone else who had worked closely with Dr. King.

2. Additional upcoming programming:
 - On April 8th, 15th, and 29th from 7:30-9PM, The New Jim Crow, a book by Michelle Alexander, will be discussed at the Unitarian Church. Catherine and Judy Hamer will co-lead the discussion. The book discusses mass incarceration as being the 'new Jim Crow' with respect to African Americans. Glenn Loury has done extensive research on this subject as well. We may want to invite him here to speak.
 - Maggie has been in touch with James Basker for April or May. Again, he has published a compendium of anti-slavery writings.
 - Jim Downs, professor at the University of Connecticut, will be discussing his book Sick from Freedom at the Library on April 3rd.
 - *Eyes on the Prize* (a documentary about the history of Civil Rights) will be shown at the Library starting in September.

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3. Also under consideration are the following:
 - Eldar Shafir: The Psychology of Stress. The Behavioral Foundations of Public Policy –
Action: We can try to follow up with him next year.
 - Micki McElya: Clinging to Mammy: The Faithful Slave in Twentieth-Century America –
Action: Judy will be following up with the author who is now at the University of Connecticut.
 - Andrea Stewart: Sugar in the Blood. Ms. Stewart's family is from Barbados. She is currently on a book tour and doing talk shows. The book is the history of her family (revolves around sugar cane). Half of the book is a history of slavery and also tells about the impact of Haiti.
4. Project Implicit – This tool will continue to be evaluated based upon feedback received.
5. We need to set up a meeting with First Selectman Joseloff to discuss the report on profiling by the police during traffic stops published in the *Hartford Courant*. As described at our last meeting, a representative of CONECT (Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut – a multi-faith group) has met with Westport officials with regard to Westport's data. Overall, Westport had slightly better numbers than most areas reporting.

Education Committee

1. It would be good to have a TEAM Westport liaison club at Staples.
2. We need to get information out to the school system about the authors and discussions that are coming up and let the Staples administrators and Curriculum Coordinators know about it.
3. Open Choice will continue. However, we need to know if it has been extended this year to accepting students in Kindergarten.

Governance Committee

Glenn Lau-Kee has been in touch with Harold with regard to Friends of TEAM Westport.

Marketing Committee

People in town don't know about TEAM Westport. How should we get information out about what TEAM is doing?

Action: Catherine will work on marketing and will set up a meeting with Harold to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, 2013, at 7:30 AM in Room 201, Westport Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernicestine McLeod
Secretary