

HRC Meeting Minutes September 12, 2019

In attendance: Peter Blaiwas, Ahmer Ibrahim, Tom Getz, Matt Willis-Goode, Kathleen Shaw, Sheila Trieff, Eileen Ryan, Kat Preftes, Jen Groskin, Rose Robinson, Kathleen Shaw

1. Review and acceptance of June Meeting Minutes.
2. Ahmer was recognized as HRC new Chair and Peter was recognized as new Vice Chair. Kat will continue as a member until February 2020 and her future role is TBD -- ? Liaison.
3. A meeting with the Devereaux family and HRC will be scheduled. Will try to have this at the October meeting.
4. Due to NBPT Police Chief's reference to the RISE organization being linked to the Devereaux family's harassment experience the RISE organization requested to meet with the HRC. A date in the future is being discussed.
5. Speaker on Restorative Justice, Christian Picciolini will be potentially booked for a January, February or March 2020 date by the school district. Funding for this event is being discussed. Age appropriate books to recommend for students are being explored. HRC may be able to co sponsor a night speaker for the general community.
6. A group discussion on White Saviorism was discussed.
7. Robert Azzi as a presenter at the annual Iftar in Newburyport was discussed. The group was in agreement

as to what a powerful and impactful speaker he was. However mentioning his political opinion was noticeable a potential roadblock to his overall message. Ahmer will discuss with Azzi.

8. Wednesday, September 18 is a meeting at the Central Congregational Church regarding affordable housing in Newburyport.

9. September 19 at the Pettengill House is a Social Justice Collaborators meeting.

10. 2020 Calendar of events was outlined. To be finalized. Preliminary items listed at end of these notes.

11. Meeting adjourned

Tentative / Preliminary HRC FY 2020 Calendar of Events

SEP

OCT Devereux family speaking at October meeting.
Girls Rising Event

NOV Task Force for posting who to contact for families in need.
Pennies for Poverty=help from HRC? Community Service
NBPT

DEC NYS Tina Los/Andi Egmont-HRC Meeting-cost?

JAN Christian Picciolini – speaker for Nock – TBD.
Peace Prize Application school Adults-Daily News

FEB

MAR Peace Prize (end of March) 23-27?

APR Week 4/13 Day of Silence? Holocaust Presentation
Firehouse 4/21

MAY Iftar 4/28-30, 5/4-5/8

JUN PRIDE, crosswalks, doors, queer prom (partner with
NAGLY)

Know your neighbor-TBD

Random notes-School DC trip May 18
Iftar April 24, May 23