

Notes
Meeting to Plan Hastings Black History Month Event
1:00 Wednesday December 13

In attendance: Gail Carstensen
Margaret Goderstad
Richard Graham
Peggy Varien
Doug Duin
Heidi Langenfeld
Dan Kocher
Paris Pasch
Bill Spinelli
Brownwyn Clark Skov

Unable to attend: Greg Geier

Convener/Notes Rich Manke

There were no corrections to the notes from the last meeting.

Name

After discussion, the name, "Building Bridges" was selected. For particular events an additional tag line will be added. For example, Building Bridges-Our Black History.

Date

We selected Saturday, Feb 24 as the event date. The Middle School Auditorium is not available, the preferred site, is not available. I have reserved the high school auditorium. Doors will open at 1:00 and the event will begin at 2:00. (Lakeside Cemetery will cover the rental and liability insurance costs.)

Other Discussion Items

- We agreed that this event will be a culminating event for Black History Month. Youth will be a focus and target.
- Strong consensus that this planning needs to be a beginning of a larger ongoing effort towards creating a more welcoming and inclusive Hastings community
- Theme idea--"Beginning to Remember"
- We will hold smaller, targeted events in January and February for example, churches, youth groups, classes of students, senior center, Rotary, etc.
- Event will be jointly planned
- It should be a healing experience--engage and provide resources
- Poetry Slam?/Vignettes?/Story Telling
- Passive or active event? Intentional exploration
- Call to the community that we can do better
- Small group discussions with directed dialogue. May not work in the auditorium because chairs are fixed
- Look for young people who can tell their own stories
- We need a logo (I meet with Dave Youngren next week.)

Next Meeting

1:00-2:30 Wednesday Jan 3, 2018.

