



Meeting Notes, January 3, 2018

In attendance: Paris Pasch, Heidi Langenfeld, Margaret Goderstad, Bill Spinelli, Bronwyn Skov.

Note Taker: Rich Manke

Updates: Paris reported that HMA did not meet in December.

Church Bulletin insert: Rich volunteered to write an notice that should be no longer than 100 words.

Bronwyn raised questions about the schedule for the event. How long should the event be? How do we unfold the discussion? What is the format?

We agreed:

- That the event should be no longer than 90 minutes.
- That the rough schedule could be segmented into an @30 minute (welcome/intro/readers theatre); @15 minute break/discussion; and @30 minute segment by the BlackOut Improve group.
- We agreed that the logistics of moving the audience to the Commons Area for break and then moving them back to the auditorium is unworkable.
- We agreed to invite Rev. DeYoung of the MN Council of Churches at a later date.

Other thoughts & questions?

How can we pare the length 11 to avoid an overly long program?

Variety will help maintain interest.

During intermission assign a task to talk with one person you don't know.

We need to look for "subversive" ways for people to understand privilege.

Readers Theatre

Bronwyn will write and direct.

She and Heidi conduct historical research.

Black Dirt will provide the readers?

Black Dirt will provide a tech person.
No firm plans yet for music. Margaret will talk to Dan Kocher about ideas.

Bill Spinelli leaves for the Carolina coast in a few days. (Tough life.) He reported that the Hastings Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Group is planning an event in April. Their recent meeting with City and School leaders was successful. Elected leader involvement will be a priority.

Rich reported on logo ideas.

Meeting adjourned.

Updates since the last meeting.

- We have adopted a working logo (and obtained our first bill).
- A draft Black History Month Proclamation is drafted and presented to the City for review.
- Press releases have been sent to HSG, KDWA, Hastings Community TV.
- HPAAC has awarded Building Bridges a \$1000 grant to help pay for BlackOut Improv Group.
- This Wednesday, Rich will meet with HPAAC to explore having them become the Fiscal Agent for Building Bridges. For a fee, they will process invoices and payments, thereby relieving us of establishing ourselves as a legal entity with the State of MN.

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