

SOUTH ORANGE/MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY COALITION ON RACE
December 19, 2019 Meeting

Call to Order: Chair Robert Marchman called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM

Present: Carol Barry-Austin, Lee Boswell May, Colleen Breslin, Abigail Cotler, Tegan Culler, Nancy Gagnier, Leila Gonzalez Sullivan, David Harris, John Kerner, Robert A. Marchman, Kelly Quirk, Audrey Rowe, Erin Scherzer, Ed Stuart, and Barbara Velazquez

Absent: Nina Essel, Rhea Mokund-Beck, and Reynaldo Tapia

Excused: Catherine Cronin, Dean Dafis, Summer Jones, Kristin Mahoney, Fred R. Profeta, Jr., and Sue Willis

Minutes Approval: November Minutes were not distributed to Trustees in time for review, so they will be approved in January.

ED Report:

Special Meeting Called in Response to Hate Messaging

- ED shared details about a meeting which she and Kelly Quirk attended last night that was called in response to hate flyers being posted in public spaces around South Orange and Maplewood.
- A group (SOMA Against Hate Collective) spearheaded by SOMA clergy and local social action groups, including the Community Coalition on Race, is being formed to counter this hate activity with positive messaging printed on lawn signs and posted in social media and by educating parents about the recruiting techniques used online by white nationalist organizations to lure their youth.
- The Coalition has been asked to use our 501(C3) status to serve as the pass through organization for donations made to the Collective to fund these counter measures.
- Once the SOMA Against Hate Collective is in place, it can serve as a tool for long term response for these assaults.
- A motion was made by Kelly Quirk to create a line item in the Coalition budget to receive and manage donations made to the SOMA Against Hate Collective. The motion was seconded by David Harris and passed unanimously.

South Orange Civic Organization (SOCO) 50th Annual MLK Celebration

- The SOCO event is the oldest uninterrupted MLK observance in New Jersey
- This year's event is January 12 in the Little Theater of SOMS and honorees are former Mayor Vic DeLuca and past Coalition Trustee, Adunni Anderson

Election of Executive Committee:

- Ballots were distributed and trustees were reminded of the option to check the entire slate or vote individually.
- The vote was taken and the entire slate passed
- Chairman Marchman expressed words of support and commendation to the newly elected chair- Kelly Quirk- and to the rest of the new Board.

2020 Meeting Calendar was adopted unanimously

2020 Budget Discussion:

- This budget adds a \$2000 contingency in case of overages with hourly staff. Hours worked must now be tracked and managed more closely due to new laws.
- Each line item that reflected a change from the previous year was review with explanation by the ED.

Trustee Brunch: Trustees should look for a Doodle poll to select the best date for our Trustee Brunch in January. Program Director also intends to hold a refresher session for committee and project leaders in January.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn was made by David Harris with second by Leila Gonzalez Sullivan. Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

Next Meeting: Thurs. January 23, 7:30 pm, Prospect Church, 646 Prospect St. Maplewood NJ.

Submitted By: Audrey Rowe

Secretary: Carol Barry-Austin