

## WHRC MLK/CSK Subcommittee Minutes

### November 29, 2023

*Present:* Olivia Dannenberg, Rabbi Greg Hirsh, Sherri Oken

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Student art and poetry contest

We agreed to award \$25 gift cards to Best in Show, and Cravings Gift cards to runner-ups

Separate awards for elementary students and middle/HS students

Rabbi Greg will provide the invocation and will promote the community award to the Clergy Council

Sherri will inquire if Sen. Jason Lewis is available as the keynote speaker

Olivia will look into alternative speakers

We will ask Glavia about coordinating student performances and readings.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

### December 11, 2023

*Present:* Olivia Dannenberg, Jeremy Little, Sherri Oken, Glavia Smith

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Keynote - Sherri confirmed that Jason Lewis is available and happy to participate

Student contests - Add an award for a class art project

**TO DO:** Sherri will email our school contacts about submitting a class art project as well as encouraging individual students to submit their art and poetry.

Music and Dance performances-

**TO DO:** Glavia will contact Origination, a dance troupe, and Tom Bankert, the school system's arts coordinator.

I Have a Dream - After discussion, we agreed that the speech should be delivered by student representatives of the elementary schools.

**TO DO:** Glavia will contact the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student counselors and Sherri will contact the Brownies/Girl Scouts.

Reception - Sherri has asked Michaela Lyons to assist with coordinating food and beverages for the reception, and enlisting help from the Youth council.

Promotions - Flyers were submitted a few weeks ago for posting in Town kiosks and digital displays.

**TO DO:** Sherri will continue to send out press releases and Patch posts, and Olivia will continue to assist her in promoting the event.

AV - **TO DO:** Jeremy will contact Barbara at WCAT about having them film the event (not simulcast) for future viewing and providing closed captioning at the event.

Community Service Project - Sherri has confirmed that we will do a project with the Boys and Girls Club.

**TO DO:** Sherri will confirm a date with Evan Reppert

Proposed Agenda –

9 a.m. WCAT & stage set up

9 – 9:30 a.m. Set up WHRC Welcome table and student art gallery

9:45 auditorium doors open

**TO DO:** Confirm exact order and timing of program segments

1. 10 a.m. Welcome – Sherri (1 minute)
2. Reading of Land Acknowledgement – Jeremy (< 1minute)
3. Invocation – Rabbi Greg Hersh (2 – 3 minutes)
4. Keynote – Sen. Jason Lewis (5 – 8 minutes)
5. Music or dance performance (5 - 8 minutes)
6. Award presentation and reading of winning poem (5 minutes)
7. Music or Dance performance (5 - 8 minutes)
8. Student recitation of I Have a Dream (8 minutes)
9. Presentation of student art awards (5 minutes)
10. Presentation of Community Service Award (10 minutes)
11. Community Project Announcement – Evan Reppert from Boys and Girls Club (2-3 minutes)
12. 11:15 - noon Reception (30-45 minutes)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

*Present:* Sherri Oken, Olivia Dannenberg, Jill Dymont, Glavia Smith, Jeremy Little

Call to Order 7:05 p.m.

#### Tasks

- **TO DO** Olivia coordinate will the refreshments for the reception.
- Teresa and Olivia will work together at the welcome table
- Sherri will provide the general welcome, serve as emcee and provide the closing remarks.
- Jeremy will read the Land Acknowledgement. **TO DO** Sherri to send it to him in advance.
- **TO DO** Sherri will continue to follow up and send out announcements in the general press and to Patch.

#### Student Participation

- No Metco students are able to attend.
- School administrators and PTO leaders have all been contacted about student participation and sent material to display and distribute.
- Every music, art and performing arts school staff member, the Girl Scout/Brownie leadership, the Boys and Girls club have been contacted about students participation.
- So far, we have no confirmed performances, no student poetry and only 2 drawings have been submitted\*.
- We would like to have a “rainbow” of student readers.
- **TO DO** Glavia will reach out to the Galvin music dept. and to the Amigos staff about student involvement.

#### Awards

- Sherri did not set up the submit button correctly for Community Service Nomination form. With Jess’ help, it was been corrected and resent to dozens of people and groups in the community.
- The deadline was extended until January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Readings & Announcements

- In line with this year’s theme, we discussed having a small group of students read the Kingian Principles of Non-Violence instead of excerpts from the “I Have a Dream” speech.
- Evan Reppert will announce the January 27<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project.
- The final reading will be an excerpt from Dr. King’s Nobel Prize acceptance speech which is as relevant today as it was in 1964.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

\*We have received another piece of student art, a beautiful painting of Dr. King