

WHRC General Meeting  
November 16, 2021

*Present:* Benny Wheat, Jeremy Little, Nicole Jacob, Daniela Nedbalek, Emmannuela Partyka, Eileen Rooney, Teresa Arevena Gonzalez, Maria Muti, Elizabeth Assenza

*Not present:* Sherri Oken, Lindsay Averbrook

*Liaison present:* Yana Herzog

Called to order 7:07pm

Housekeeping

Meeting being recorded, closed captioning is available

Check-in question- What's your favorite fall activity?

Approval of minutes

Approval of the minutes from October 19, 2021 general meeting month- approved

Approval of the IPD subcommittee meeting minutes September 22, 29, and October 6, 2021- approved

MLK/CSK subcommittee meeting minutes November 9, 2021- approved

Report out of MLK/CSK minutes- questions about theme, Budget- do we have one for this? Looking into booking the Galvin. Looking for speaker/musician suggestions. Renese King, Wakefield Community Choir, themes- service, volunteering, but what about the question of oppression, recognizing each other's humanity. Proposed cap of \$500 approved. Possible option of using the \$250 grant for BSU-WHRC to use for social educational programming. Another suggestions- someone at a university?

Incident at Creations- they had posted something on Instagram about anti-racism, employee had been verbally assaulted including racial slurs. Eileen reached out to owner to see if they'd be interested in a conversation to discuss it. Important note- while this is not what we want the town to be, this is unfortunately who some people are in town. Further possible actions, making a statement addressing it.

Youth Council- Veterans Day cleanup was a huge success. 130+ young people participated. Over \$1000 pledged to veterans group.

Active bystander training- Nothing has been rescheduled at this point. Benny spoke with Quabbin mediation about youth training, it's very different from standard training. Nicole will go to the WAAV meeting to discuss still jointly offering it and how to proceed. Dan Lieber had reached out to schools about it. What about holding it towards end of Jan and tying it to MLK/CSK event? Publicity an issue with the last time, could we put it in an ad form on Facebook- **Benny will check with Jenn McDonald.**

Matters not anticipated- vote to order 300 more buttons- **Maria will order.** Do we want to have more resources at the table? Eileen will do some brainstorming about that. Land acknowledgment- more discussion needed, **Benny and Eileen will connect to draft something and reach out to local tribes for input.**

Motion to adjourn- approved at 8:50pm