

Wakefield Human Rights Commission
Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Day Planning Subcommittee
12/15/2020

Present:

Jeremy Little (WHRC)
Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez (WHRC)
Benny Wheat (WHRC)
Faith Defendre (WHRC)
Nicole Jacob (WHRC)

1. Keynote update

- Faith is totally on board. She had the idea of going around and interviewing people in Wakefield of what compassionate action means to them, how do they feel compassion towards Wakefield, how do they show that. A diverse group of people, like a teacher, a student, a store owner, etc. Then compiling them into a little video
- There are also 2 other people who want to participate with spoken word or poetry related to the theme of Compassionate Action
- And there are 4 other people who are interested
- For any Metco students who are contributing, would they be coming to Wakefield to film? No, they can film themselves and submit it to us and WCAT can edit it all together.

2. Service Project update

- We're still gathering info

3. Awards update

- We can do the more conversational version of the award presentation, that could also tie in to the interview project that Faith is doing
- We could do it as a panel discussion/group interview, this might be more engaging than individual interviews
- We could invite someone from the community to moderate
 - Mehreen Butt - HRC's town council liaison
 - Coleen Guida - HRC's school committee liaison
 - Ann Santos - Town Council chair
 - Steve Maio - Town Administrator
- For the physical award certificates, we can print them and drop them off to people
- We can do the interview/panel over zoom

4. Art update

- Teresa reached out to the Galvin to see if they have anything in the curriculum regarding MLK in Art or Social Studies. They do not have anything in the works
- Nicole reached out to the art teacher from the elementary schools, that person said that since their meeting remotely it would be too hard to get a project all together.

- They were interested in being involved.
- We could go back to them and ask them to involve their students in an art contest over the break.
 - Encourage artwork of all forms that fit the theme, have people send a pic or video of their project
 - We have a tight timeline because they're only in school for one more week
 - Deadline the end of the first week they're back from break
 - Prize: gift card to local business \$25

5. Music:

- It's not really safe to have a whole singing group get together to sing

6. Scavenger Hunt

- Could combine with the service project in a way. Like, find where the food pantry is, where the community meal is, etc. Learn more about these orgs in your community
- There's an app called Goose Chase that you can do a scavenger hunt on

7. WCAT

- Ryan Boyd at WCAT can help us edit and produce the video
- He wants to know if we want to have people come in to the studio to film or have people film their own and then send to WCAT to edit/produce

8. Next Steps / Action Items

- Benny reach out to possible award ceremony moderators
- Benny find out about award certificate template and send the info to Teresa
- Faith will reach out to Ms. McKenna to bring the art contest to the HS students
- Teresa will draft something re the art contest and send it around to the rest of us and send to the Galvin art teacher
- Nicole will send the art contest request to the elementary art teacher
- Faith will continue communicating with the highschoolers she's been in contact with to solidify how they would like to participate/what they'd like to contribute