

Wakefield Human Rights Commission
Pride Sub-Committee
May 7th Meeting/ May 26th 2020 (Conducted remotely)

Commissioners Present

Revd. Matthew Cadwell
Chichi Canavan
Isabel Castro
Pina Masciarelli

1. CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANT

The sub-committee received \$570 Cultural Council Grant towards a Pride cultural event. The Cultural Council informed grantees that the money could be used until July of 2021. The Pride-Subcommittee recommends not using the money to celebrate 2020 Pride, but to plan for 2021. There is an open question open whether we could apply for a different event in 2021 or not. Bring this info to the general meeting

Final decision: use the money next in 2021

2. THE RAISING OF FLAG

Town Council met on May 11. They allowed us to fly the Pride Flag in the Americal Civic Center and waived the event requirement. This Commission recommends having a small Raising ceremony on Monday, June 1st, at 6:00pm. Number of attendees will be decided taking into consideration the State Guidelines for public gatherings. We compromised on flying only the Pride Flag, and no others like the Trans flag because only one can fly under the US one.

Since it is going to be an outdoor activity, they idea is that all members of the WHRC attend and we invite members of the Town Council, School Committee, Steve Maio, Superintendent Lyons and Merry and Bob Eldridge, from the Wakefield Alliance Against Violence. If we have to limit attendance, we will only extend the invitation to the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Town Council and School Committee, to Chief Skory and Steve Maio. Chichi Canavan, Ann Santos and Revd. Cadwell are going to do short speeches. We would like to be on FB live or social media so other members of the Community can participate virtually. We are planning to distribute flags at the event in a safe way.

Final decision: Hold a small, 10 people ceremony. Share the ceremony on social media.

3. THE COST OF SMALL FLAGS

Chichi is in charge of researching prices and options. Flag Importers seems a likely choice since we can get 300 flags for \$250 dollars. (Chichi)

Isabel orders buttons (Isabel)

Final decision: Purchased and in the process of being distributed.

4. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Advertise other events like the Toronto Virtual Pride (Not happening)

Flyer for June 2020



Let's celebrate together on [Wakefield Human Rights Commission - FB](#) and [our Webpage](#)

- **Pride Flag Raising** ---> Monday, June 1st, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the Americal Civic Center
- **Kids Korner:** LGBTQ friendly story time for children 3 - 8 yrs old ---> Mondays: June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
- **Wakefield Wisdom:** LGBTQ stories and testimonies from your friends and neighbors ---> Wednesdays: June 3, 10, 17 and 24
- **Pride Pioneers:** History and Highlights of the LGBTQ movement --->Fridays: June 5, 10, 17 and 26

Look for free **Pride buttons and Lawn Flags** to be safely distributed at multiple locations throughout the month and upon request. Please contact us at whrc@wakefield.ma.us

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