



## OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

### **TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION - 10/10/24**

Glover School 7 pm (in person)

LWVM Observer: Shari Pressman

**Members Present:** Helaine Hazlett and Diane Gora, co-chairs; Deacon John Whipple, Chris Buell, Eugenia (Jean) Guastaferrri, Reece Dahlberg, Maren Potter

**Welcome:** Maren Potter, MHS senior, was introduced as new Student Representative; Maren was interviewed by Select Board and will be sworn in as new rep; she is Team Harmony student president, has worked on the flag policy and spoken in front of the School Committee, (flag policy is on hold presently); and participates in Cross Country and Track; Members introduced themselves to Maren

**Update on Marblehead Police Dept. News:** Chief King was absent due to family illness, but left report that the swastika at Seaside is being investigated; he and other members of the Marblehead Police Department were present at the capacity gathering at Temple Sinai to commemorate the October 7 first anniversary of the attack on Israel; Chief King also spoke at Swampscott High School, sponsored by the ADL, about area incidents

**Update on Indigenous People's Day:** Celebration in partnership with Marblehead Museum scheduled for Monday, October 14 beginning at 11:00 am inside at Abbot Hall Auditorium; Diane will read acknowledge statement; Native American storyteller, jewelry and crafts

**Discussion about Wonder sequel:** Diane suggested that Village School students (Grades 4-6) could read White Bird, the highly praised sequel to the graphic novel Wonder. She suggested a time frame of either vacation or to coincide with Holocaust Remembrance Day at the end of January. It was noted that MPS donated 200 copies of the book read last year. Helaine will get 12 books; Reece will contact the Village School librarian

**Discussion re: Task Force Openings:** There are two openings on the Task Force. Helaine suggested inviting possible new members to the next meeting.

**Update from Marblehead Racial Justice Team:** Jay Morrison reported that MRJT will be reading Frederick Douglass's 1852 speech "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" on Monday, 11/18 at Abbot Library between 6:30 and 8:00 pm. Forty-four volunteers are being asked to participate in reading the speech.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday evening, November 13 at 7 at Glover School