



## OBSERVER REPORT

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION 8-10-23 via Zoom

Meeting not recorded

LWVM Observer: Shari Pressman

Members present: Diane Gora and Helaine Hazlett, co-chairs, Deacon Joe Whipple, Scott Marcus, Reece Dahlberg, Chief Dennis King (ex-officio), Kim Gubelman

Update on Marblehead Police Department News: Police Chief Dennis King reported no new information on damage to Pride Pavement in front of the Chamber of Commerce Information booth. No new vandalism; MPD works closely with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to check databases for report of new incidents. Chief King left early for an event with Plummer Youth Promise.

Update on Marblehead Public Schools: Reece reported on the letter she and Chris wrote to Dr. Buckey thanking him for his support for TFAD and Marblehead teachers and students. It was decided not to publish the letter since Dr. Buckey is gone and the letter is in the School Committee minutes.

Discussion: Boston Globe Article re: Book Banning: The Boston Globe corrected erroneous information about Principal Matt Fox and book censorship published in the Globe.

Discussion: Marblehead Cultural Council Installation: Chair Jennifer Uhl and member Lisa Seltzer spoke about finding a partner and community support to maintain the Pride Pavement. The installation was approved by the Select Board. Maintenance costs estimated by the artist, TJ deBlij, are \$150 quarterly for 3 hours of work, totaling \$600 per year. Kim Gubelman suggested a Go Fund Me QR code at the Chamber of Commerce booth. Others suggested a contribution jar. Helaine moved that TFAD commit \$150 per year to help support maintenance of the installation. The motion passed.

Farmers' Market: TFAD will have a booth on September 9.

Update on Hispanic Heritage Month: Sarai Miller not present with update info

Update on International Holocaust Remembrance Day: January 27, 2024—Helaine will coordinate with Rabbi Michael Schwartz at Temple Sinai

Update on Asian Pacific American Heritage Month: May, 2024—Kim will ask the Select Board to endorse Marblehead's celebration and will form a committee. Reece has volunteered.

Discussion: MPS Student Representatives: Niko King, an incoming freshman, has written a letter of interest. She is at camp and will interview when she returns. Damilola Graciella Olabisi, also an incoming freshman, has expressed interest but hasn't written a letter yet.

Select Board Reminder: Diane reminded members to complete the Select Board's survey of volunteer organizations and note their area(s) of interest in TFAD.

Update on Marblehead Racial Justice Team—postponed

Future Agenda Items: Deacon Joe Whipple asked that sub-committees within TFAD communicate with other sub-committee members.

Next meeting : Will be either 9/14 or 9/21; Meeting adjourned 8:26