



OBSERVER REPORT

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Zoom Meeting 12/9/21

LWVM Observer – Shari Pressman

Present: Co-Chairs, Helaine Hazlett and Anne Marie Hunter, John Whipple, Scott Marcus, Esther Mulroy, Alexis Earp, Candice Sliney, Reece Dahlberg, Chief Dennis King, Diane Gora
Guests: Deandra Williams, Marblehead METCO Director; Lauren McCormack, Marblehead Museum Director, Lou Meyi, Jay Morrison

Report on Trans Day of Remembrance

Memorial on November 20 effective in remembering those trans whose lives were lost; TFAD donated in their honor as did the JCC and Shubie's

Update about Marblehead Schools' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee—

Reece Dahlberg

- Subcommittee of Planning for Success met to discuss goals for 2022
- One goal is to hold Parent/Community Engagement events in collaboration with the Marblehead Racial Justice Team, the Task Force Against Discrimination, and Marblehead Public Schools discussing how to be an antiracist. Panel sessions would involve inviting speakers to talk about their experiences and work to be inclusive

Recent Incidents and Updates—Chief King

- Antisemitic and racist graffiti found at the Transfer Station being investigated; perpetrator(s) not identified yet
- Chief spoke with school officials about tiny swastikas found scratched into desk at the Middle School; propose conversation with students; will speak with other chiefs; vandalism is considered a felony

Report on Community Read and Connection to Marblehead Public Schools—

postponed until next meeting

Update--Marblehead Racial Justice team--Lou Meyi

- Meets 3rd Monday evening of the month in the library
- Film about Civil War veteran James Fontaine can be viewed on Marblehead Historical Commission website
- next film will explore unmarked Black and Native American burying spaces

Additional Business

-Lauren McCormack requested TFAD write a letter of support for a grant to restore Litchman Press building, recently acquired by the Marblehead Museum, to its original purpose as the Jeremiah Lee House's enslaved peoples' residence

-Helaine announced that Esther Darling Mulroy is moving and has resigned from the committee

-- TFAD voted to write End of Year Letter to the Editor commending Marblehead citizens but acknowledging the work that still needs to be done