



Observer Report

TASK FORCE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION: May 18, 2021

LWVM Observer: Shari Pressman

Members Present: Helaine Hazlett, Anne Marie Hunter, Deacon John (Joe) Whipple, Christopher Bruell, Esther Darling Mulroy, Candace Sliney, Reece Dahlberg

Agenda

1. Welcome and Check-In

2. Recent Incidents in Marblehead

No report from Chief Picariello yet; report is that it's forthcoming; Helaine believes we should be more proactive.

3. TFAD Book Read

Discussion of This Will Be My Undoing postponed until next meeting.

4. Updates on Town and School Engagement:

Joe Whipple remembers 30-year-old covenant passed from one house of worship to another; goal is respect, not just tolerance.

Candice Sliney reported on new group called "Planning for Success". Large group of parents, teachers, all principals, CPAC and Dr. Buckey noted state of Marblehead Schools in 2021 and what they'd like to see in 2026: Comprehensive K-12 education to foster respect, equality, diversity, and empathy; more support of METCO students

5. Update from Marblehead Coalition: "Justice Rally"

Police and Fire Chief present

Artwork on display with signs reading "Hands Up for _____" Creator can fill in blank with word or picture; could be distributed for next Marblehead Racial Justice Team (MRJT) meeting or as flyer for Task Force

Communications partnership with Jack Attridge and All Marblehead and Shubie's.

TFAD voted in favor of a motion to support MRJT.

Housing Production Plan Implementation has just had 1st meeting, guest Louis Mayi reported

6. Flag-Raising Event Sunday, June 6 at 2pm for Pride Month
GSA representative will raise flag.

7. Juneteenth Celebration Friday, June 18 at 5pm at Abbot Hall
Welcome by Jackie Belf-Becker, Chair Board of Selectmen
Intro by Nicole McClain, President and Founder of North Shore Juneteenth,
Organizer in collaboration with the Town of Marblehead
Original poem by Graciella Olabisi, Village School sixth grade student
Remarks by Dr. John Buckey, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Anne Marie Hunter, co-chair Marblehead Task Force Against
Discrimination

Nikki Moore, Marblehead Racial Justice Team

Martina Campbell singing Black National Anthem

8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 15 at 7pm; Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm