



March 16, 2021 Minutes

Present: Abigayle Bennett, Linda Biemer, Jesse Boring, Chris Burger, Kevin Drumm, Sharon Exley, Ben Lainhardt, Carla Michalak, Molly McVaughn, Father Tim Taugher, Dream Waterman, Mike Woodward

February 4, 2021: Minutes approved

Old Business:

Approval of New Members:

- a. Abigayle Bennett
- b. Ben Lainhart

The CEB unanimously approved both Abigayle and Ben to join the CEB, welcome!

Nominating Committee

- a. Slate of Officers was presented:

Chair: Sharon Exley

Vice Chair for Community: Chris Burger

Vice Chair for Students: Vacant at the time of the meeting, Carla will ask Sandy Stephens for a recommendation

Secretary: Carla Michalak

There were no nominations from the floor, the slate was approved. Each will serve a one year term and an election will occur in a year's time.

Continued Updating of Membership List

- a. We are continuing to accept recommendations for new members. Proposed new members discussed include: Charlie Compton and Jackie Stapleton from WSKG, Bob Joseph, Christine Cramer, Dominick McLizy, a High School Junior, Alison Twange, Dave Archer

NIFI Draft on Policing: Doug

- a. Doug would like to conduct additional deliberations in the community using the Policing Issue Guide in either late summer or early fall as he would like to do them in person and not via Zoom. He would like a cross section of people from the community to participate, PLOTs, Council of Churches, Citizen Action and the Sheriff's Department for example.

- b. Carla conducted the Policing deliberation in two of her classes. Many questions developed surrounding the issue of police training so she invited Officer Sam Davis to her class to discuss how police are trained in the Broome County area.

NIFI Update: Jesse

- a. Jesse reviewed his correspondence with NIFI with the CEB. His most recent correspondence with NIFI indicated that there would be an issue guide of some type by late February on Racial Justice.
- b. On March 9th, Jesse emailed Brad Rourke to inquire about the promised materials and Brad said the materials were in progress and that they had experienced some technical issues.
- c. Jesse wanted to pressure NIFI to develop these materials but decided to wait and so far they have not fulfilled their commitment.
- d. Jesse is very concerned that NIFI is not delivering these materials? Why have they not tackled the issue head on? Why haven't we led the charge?
- e. He supports one frame to discuss racism. Jesse will check with them on April 2 and then we will act.
- f. Chris said we should lead by example. Is it possible to take Scott's Issue guide that he developed a few years ago, rework it and submit it to NIFI?
- g. We did receive from NIFI deliberative questions that they are testing, can we use those questions and conduct a deliberation or discussion with the community?
- h. Dr. Drumm expressed support for the Policing Deliberation.

2021 Election Cycle/Voter Engagement Update: Linda

- a. Postponed until the next CEB meeting

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment:

We will meet next Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 3pm – 4pm. Look for an agenda and zoom link soon!