

District Diversity Committee

Minutes

5/24/16

Members Present: Barbara Clinton, Debra Hogencamp, , Ayesha Ibrahim, Maddy Kroller, Sara Kozlowski, Madeline Martin-Bird, Tanya Marquette, Maddy Obry, Tiana Ramic, Krissy Rivera, Kara Seim, Linda Welles

Agenda:

1. Review of the minutes
2. Announcements
3. Ideas for Extending Bias Awareness Training
4. Other

Item 1: Review of minutes

The minutes were reviewed. On the 3-15-16 minutes: correct spelling “Americanah”

Item 2: Announcements

Linda Welles:

The book, *Between the World and Me*, was not selected for One Book, One New Paltz. The team felt there weren't enough resources to fully address the book; it will still be considered in the future.

The planning for the SUNY Multicultural Conference is also complete. It will be held on Nov. 18th. The performance by Arm of the Sea will be on immigration. The Keynote will be given by Yohuru Williams, Professor of History at Fairfield University

Tanya Marquette:

Odell Winfield is organizing a discussion group on *The New Jim Crow* in Kingston. Tanya also mentioned the performance of Group Step Africa that occurred at the Bardavon. It was appropriate for children as well as adults. Clips can be seen on YouTube.

Item 3: Bias Awareness

Members of the committee reviewed the Bias Awareness document from the Southern Poverty Law center.

Item 4: Other

Meeting Dates for next year:

October 18

Nov 15

Jan 17

Mar 14

April 25

May 23

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 25th, in the Duzine Library at 4:00pm.

Next Agenda:

1. Review of the minutes
2. Announcements
3. Continued discussion of Bias Awareness
4. Other