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## 10/17/2011 Approved Minutes

Diversity Task Group,

Minutes of meeting held 10/17/11

Approved 11/14/2011

Attendees:~ Maryellen Loud, Claire Carswell, Lydia Ymaschi, David Landskov, Susan Lees, Miriam Stein (co-chair), Mary Knox, Kate Mun, Carolyn Parsons

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(1)~ Lydia Umaschi reported on Spanish-speaking group meeting recently held.~Will continue, with next meeting to be held at 3pm on 10/16/11, location TBA.~

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(2)~ Presentation on Arlington Reads Together by Mary Ellen Loud.~ Book offered for reading in October- November:~ Zeitoun.~Reviewed schedule of events.~~Kick-off event, "Understanding Islam:~ A~Conversation with an American Muslim."

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(3) Discussion of funding for "Today's Students, Tomorrow's Teachers."~Funding approved by School Committee for 2011-2012.~ Many questions were asked.~ Local businesses will be asked for donations.~

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(4)~ Reviewed Town Day exhibit, which is now at Robbins Library.~~A committee member~must pick up responses left by visitors.~ Diem Dangers will be contacted to arrange.~ Anticipate review and organization of responses.

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(5)~ Hiring of teachers and administrators of Color at less than 7-8 for 2011-12 academic year, mostly support staff.~

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(6)~ Update on encouraging civil discourse in Arlington:~ Community Response Team in process of establishing protocol of response.

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(7)~ Announcements

~~~~~(A)~ Super Committee deadline 11/23/11 to address national deficit.~ 11/8/11 Forum, "Taking on the DC budget Debate,"~to be held in~Arlington Town Hall.

~~~~~(B)~ Nonviolent Confrontation, sponsored by First Parish Compassionate Communication at St. Eulalia Church in~Winchester 10/24, from 7:30- 9pm.~

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(8)~ Next meeting:~ Mon, 11/14/11, at 7:30pm.

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Respectfully submitted,  
 Claire Carswell