

LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Thursday, September 20, 2018, 6:30 pm

Jefferson Cutter House Gallery, 611 Mass. Ave., Lower Level

Present: Brooks Harrelson, Helene Newberg, Anna Watson, Mel Goldsipe, Bill Gardiner

Absent: Julia Forsythe, Lisa Krinsky

Guests: Megan Morse, Eliza Phillips, Brett Kahmann, Rob Lorino, Marci Shapiro, Amber Espar

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Assign minute-taking and clock-watcher – Brooks Harrelson, Megan Morse
3. Approve minutes from July & August meetings - moved, seconded, approved
4. Collaboration with True Story Theater – established a subcommittee (Mel G., Brooks H., Megan M.) to discuss themes with True Story Theater
5. Town Day recap – Many visitors to booth, good collaboration w/ other town groups, some good ideas captured for future efforts, many good connections made.
6. Trans 101 training - Proposed October 9, Robbins Library Community Room, Mason Dunn willing to present. Moved, seconded, passed.
7. Community crafts/potluck – proposed to be held Oct 27, Robbins Lib. Community Room for community building, some crafts teaching. Moved, seconded, passed.
8. Restorative Justice Circle update - We are waiting to hear about a meeting, progress continues, Little Free Library cannot be on school grounds, looking for suggestions for alternate site. Suggested put in Superintendent’s newsletter to parents.
9. FY 2020 budget – Fundraising possibilities were discussed. Budget proposal presented, discussed, amended, voted for approval, approved. Lisa and Bill will present to Finance Committee.
10. Town Meeting –Moved: Submit warrant article to add up to 2 more members to the commission at Special Town Meeting, passed.
11. Open forum
12. Community events & announcements
 - a. Cosponsoring parent forum: “Encouraging Honest Conversation with Elementary-Age Children about LGBTQIA+ Topics,” Ottoson cafeteria, Sept. 25, 7 pm
 - b. Defending Transgender Rights Forum, Temple Isaiah in Lexington, Wed., Oct 3, 7:30 pm. Speakers will include Rabbi Perlman, Mason Dunn of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, and transgender people who will share personal stories.

- c. Cosponsoring “Understanding Restorative Justice,” Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple Street, Oct. 13, 6:30pm. Arlington Human Rights Commission and Communities for Restorative Justice explains restorative Justice, a victim-driven alternative to the traditional criminal justice system.
 - d. Cosponsoring LexPride screening of *Gen Silent* documentary about LGBTQ+ seniors who go back in the closet to survive followed by panel discussion including Rainbow Commissioner Lisa Krinsky, Cary Hall, Lexington, Nov. 4, 1 pm.
 - e. SAGE Table, an LGBTQIA+ intergenerational meal, sponsored by the Arlington Council on Aging and Queer Mystic, Nov. 8. [Will ask about cosponsoring.]
 - f. AIDS History with the History Project, sponsored by the Arlington Council on Aging and Queer Mystic, Dec. 6 [Will ask about cosponsoring.]
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Minutes submitted by Brooks Harrelson, Commissioner