

Minutes**Easton Diversity & Inclusion Task Force (EDIT)****Special Meeting**

Thursday February 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

in the Easton Library Community Room

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1. Call to order 7:04pm
2. Roll call
 - (a) Present
Whendi Cook Broderick, Darrell Harris, Emjek Cordover, Elizabeth Katz, Hilary Desmond, Sheila Weaver.
 - (b) Apologies
Paco Acosta
3. Approval of minutes for January 4, 2024
Moved by Darrell that we approve the minutes with the additions proposed by Sheila in her email of January 5, 2024.
Seconded Elizabeth. Approved unanimously.
4. Public comment
None.
5. Board member comment
Darrell: was great to learn about the Transitions group last month.
6. Subcommittee reports
 - (a) Programs
All discussed under item 7.
 - (b) Communications
Action: Darrell will reach out to Jonny and see how he's doing.
7. Discussion and possible action
 - (a) Taste of Easton and Redding event
Paco has reached out to Sal; a new date and potentially venue will be discussed by the Taste of Easton and Redding.

Darrell reports that part of the motivation here is the Easton Historical Society has some interest in pitching in with some historical recipes.
 - (b) Black History Month

Partners: Easton Arts Council, Easton Public Library, James Baldwin project for an event celebrating Black History, Identity and the centenary of James Baldwin.

Reception is March 2 at 5pm – 8pm (set up earlier that day). Hanging on Sunday 2/11 at noon at library.

We should promote as much as possible.

(c) Neurodiversity Week

Whendi reached out to Transitions and met with library on possible events.

Activities might include sensory storytime, neurodiversity book display and craft project.

This year there is no neurodiversity club at SSES, but they do have the Easton Inclusion Committee.

Maybe do a screening of How To Dance In Ohio about neurodiverse high school students. Already related to JBHS wellness program. Maybe March 22 would be a suitable date?

Again promotion will be key.

8. Other business

(a) Easton Pride

Hilary: Easton Library had reached out about collaborating on screening of a movie Gay Youth (1992, Pam Walton Productions).

Request that EDIT help out: promotion, attendance, choose an appropriate date in June.

Sarah Hunsecker got her grant, so Easton Arts Council and Easton Pride will run a workshop on 5/18 ("Visions of Pride") which will be hung at the library on 5/25.

(b) Whendi – Superintendent's Book Club was really great (at JBHS). First book was How To Know A Person. Whendi will reach out about a diversity-focused book for that club.

(c) Whendi – Civility Month is coming up in August. What should we do? Something we can make available at a bunch of places to affirm Easton's commitment to civility, like maybe a button? Would be nice to have a visible signal of support for civility, but will need to be inexpensive. Maybe also opportunities to partner with the library or other local DEI groups on voices of civility?

9. Adjourn

Moved by Hilary that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Sheila.

Passed unanimously.

Adjourned 7:58pm.