

MLK Planning Committee Notes

Date: 12-6-22 @ 7pm via Zoom

Present online: Gordon Schleicher - Kiwanis
Susan Morrel-Samuels - HRC
Joanne Ladio – HRC, OWOF
Jane Pacheco – City, OWOF
Kelly Stoker – Material Girls, FUMC
Dave Gilbert – FUMC, Rotary
Michael Madison - Kiwanis
Debbie Osborne - HRC, OWOF
Suzy Morse – OWOF
Mark Vandenberg – OWOF, FUMC
Rodney Gasaway – FUMC
Dick Dice – Rotary

Program description:

(draft) The 2023 Chelsea's Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service and Social Action will be January 9 through 21st. Many community groups have organized activities and events for these two weeks to recall the spirit of Dr. King toward service and community involvement. Community members are encouraged to participate in as many activities as they can and to keep track of their work on Challenge Cards. Anyone who completes a row on the card will receive a certificate and small token.

In all media releases or descriptive material, please add the following somewhere:

This activity is part of the 2023 Chelsea Martin Luther King Jr. Days of Service and Social Action. This community activity is sponsored by One World One Family, The Chelsea District Library, Chelsea Rotary and the Chelsea Human Rights Commission and it has received a Bridge Builders Grant from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation.

Previous items: All action items from last meeting were accomplished except the CLARA and Restorative Justice classes haven't been confirmed.

Confirmed events and related discussion

- 1. Kiwanis Essay Contest** – Mike had a good discussion with Marcus Kaemming who will send a letter out with all students. They are ready to launch this week. The group thought that offering the winners some kind of award or gift was a good idea.
- 2. Library Story-Teller** - Portrayal of Coretta Scott King. Monday, Jan 16 @ 2pm No registration needed.
- 3. Senior Center Celebrating Diversity Through Food** Friday, January 13 at 3:30 pm in the cafeteria at WSEC/Chelsea Senior Center. An exploration of foods from across the world. This is intended as an intergenerational experience.
- 4. HRC interviews.** Written summaries and sharing event. Jan 20 or 21. An activity to interview friends or family regarding their experiences with social justice movements. Susan Morrel-Samuels asked where recommended questions and other materials could be posted. The program description and any links will be included on the Challenge Card printed version and electronic versions. These links can go to the HRC website and/or the OWOF website which will have a separate page dedicated to the 2023 event.
- 5. No-Sew Blankets for Refugee Families.** Tentatively for 10-12am on Monday, Jan 16. Location TBD. Rodney to check FUMC schedule. Kelly confirmed that her members can help getting sale prices for the blankets.
- 6. Decorating Valentines** or cards for senior citizens. To be held at same time and location as blankets. Kelly said that she has enough materials on hand for cards and notes but she will confirm. Families can also create their own cards and drop them off during the event or at a separate location. TBD.
- 7. Reception to meet City officials** and staff members. Jan 16 in 3-5pm window (after the Library event). In Council Chambers. May include tours. To interact and learn about City government. For all ages.

8. Silver Maples collection for Safe House. Winn Mahoney will confirm their current needs and work with Rodney to get collection boxes in key areas. Email sent to introduce Winn and Rodney.

9. Washtenaw Reads. Encourage reading “Such a Fun Age” and participating in the upcoming events in Chelsea and Washtenaw County. Include links to existing events & materials. OWOF will purchase extra copies.

Items likely to happen

- 10. Rotary and Interact at the High School – details to be confirmed
- 11. St. Louis Center – Gordon will follow up
- 12. 4-H Civic Engagement – Jane pursuing
- 13. CLARA training – Carolyn to report
- 14. CRC Diversity Council – Al Hollenbeck to report
- 15. Orchid Supply – expressed an interest in collecting for FIA. Rodney will follow up.

Task List for Project Completion

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| All groups | Dec 14 | confirm project details & action items in notes above |
| All groups | Dec 14 | provide two summaries – a short version for the Challenge Card. A longer description for the website |
| All groups | Dec 14 | attend “touch-base” meeting on Dec 14 @ 7pm. Joanne to send email and link |
| Joanne | Dec 15 | Material to website designer |
| Joanne | ?? | Press release and media posts to launch |
| Mark V | Dec 23 | Assemble Challenge card material and send to printer |
| ? | Dec 23 | Event brochures – get info to Chelsea Chamber of Commerce |
| ALL | Jan 2-9 | Distribute Challenge Cards and brochures |

Last question: Do we want to have a final closing reception/speaker on Jan 22 to officially close the event?