

Warrensburg Diversity and Inclusion Commission
May 2, 2022, Minutes of the meeting
Meeting was held at the Community Center

Invitees in attendance:

- Voting members: Erica Jones-Collins, chair; Barbara Mayfield, vice-chair; Suzy Latare (by Zoom)
Kamel Ghazzi, Dorothy Arvizu, Heather Jepsen
- Guest: Sara Lawson, Warrensburg Daily Journal

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Erica Collins at 7:12 pm with a quorum in attendance. Dorothy moved to accept the agenda, Kamal seconded, the motion carried.

2. Suzy moved to approve the minutes of the March, 2022, meeting, Dorothy seconded; the motion carried. The April minutes were not available.

3. Community Events and Outreach:

a. Community educational opportunities:

Juneteenth celebration: Erica called Christian Cutler at the UCM Art Department about our display of Carolyn Mends Means paintings. Daughter Ekuwah Means wrote a book about her mother and one about her own naming. Her mother's art was used in both books. Her sister Efuwah will give a walking tour and verbalize about the paintings.

We may be able to use Morris Collins art as well. Morris was a Warrensburg dignitary, a UCM professor, and a member of Diversity and Inclusion Council until his death.

History and Sociology Department has an African American exhibit up and DIC will ask if they can leave that up for Juneteenth. Suzy said Bruce Uhler is working on a memorial for Bruce "Hackjaw" Reed, prominent boxer of the past.

Doug announced that people have been cleaning the grave stones of African Americans buried in the historic Mt. Oliver Cemetery.

Dorothy reported there appears to be a movement in the Missouri legislature to create a large omnibus bill that is anti: CRT, transgender, and voting rights.

b. Potential opportunities

**Get the Red Out, at UCM, Sept. 8. The question was asked if the quiz questions have been updated recently.

**Diversity Fair, June 3 at White Air Force Base: A native American tribe may participate. Erica could ask Sarah Collins if her students could do art for a display.

**Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at Whiteman AFB.

4. Other issues brought up by DIC members:

a. DIC is seeking other community organizations' information to list on our website. That could include: Jerry Kraus with Diversity and Equity, OJ Rhone with the Community Change Committee, Kristen Shaw with the Warrensburg Diversity and Equity in Education, Amy Kiger with UCM diversity, and the African American Heritage Association.

b. A question arose about the City's representative on DIC. Tarl Bentley is the current appointee. Erica said Steve Munsterman also seemed interested.

c. Kamel said it is time for him to vacate his seat at DIC. He will ask Dr. Hassan if he is interested and ask about student representatives. Heather said she is nearing her term limit.

Heather moved to adjourn the meeting, Dorothy seconded, and the motion carried.