

Freedom & Unity Task Force – DRAFT meeting minutes, Aug 21 2023
Craftsbury Public Library, 6:30-8:00pm

Present: Bru Mille (meeting recorder), Carol Ceraldi, Jeannine Young, Daniel Solomon, Wendy Turnbull, Susan Clark (Observer: Molly Clark, Jay VT)

Absent / Excused: Cedar Hanan, Rudy Chase, Anne Hanson, Susie Houston

June and July 2023 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Review library space and set up for community meetings

Discussing library layout - book shelves can move, borrow chairs from church or Sterling? We may also want to use some of those shelves as separators. Wendy T to follow-up with library staff about capacity. For the Oct 17 event, we'll meet as one group, start with presentation/s (by Susan C & colleague), then break into smaller groups within that same room to discuss. In the Nov event we will have actual breakout groups that need to be physically separated. Discussion ensued about exploring larger space (eg, Craftsbury Academy gym or dining hall) as possible alternative for the first session in October.

Action Steps: 1) Wendy to follow-up with CPL about capacity. 2) Bru to ask B Strong about using chairs from church. 3) Bru to ask CA principal about the capacity of both spaces.

Possible community survey

Susan C suggests doing a community-wide survey between the two meetings, email survey with both an online survey & a physical one at the stores or library. Also post on FPF.

Town website

Wendy communicated with Michelle Warren, Town Clerk, about Freedom & Unity presence on the town's website. Michelle has added a roster of task force members (including email addresses) and she will add the comic book to the Freedom & Unity webpage. Susan C. will write a small blurb about what the committee does and the purpose of the community meetings this fall.

Logistics for Oct & Nov meetings

Childcare - get students or National Honor Society?

Refreshments – Bru to speak to April Royan about food fundraiser for booster club.

Action Steps: Those present agreed we should address these issues at the Sept meeting.

Outreach efforts

Copies of the flyer handouts were provided to those present. Wendy & Daniel gave a brief description of their outreach efforts at the forestry & energy committees. Anne will be doing 'meeting in a box' outreach with multiple neighbors. We discussed the different questions in the kit, and Jeanine suggested these questions could be added to the survey as well.

Susan C. will contact Linda Ramsdell (suggested by Farley) to discuss Outdoor Center outreach.

Action Steps: 1) Wendy will work with committee members to update the outreach efforts spreadsheet to document all 'meeting in a box' feedback, as well as individual conversations and impressions from our outreach to town committees.

Next meeting (Sept 2023)

No date selected for the September meeting. Wendy will circulate an online poll to Task Force members to identify date & time for the Sept meeting. The group agreed we will need another meeting in Oct, ahead of the community meeting.