

Kalamazoo Valley Committee for Cultural Understanding  
(KVCCU)  
September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: LaSonda Wells, Mary Johnson, Gloria Barton-Beery, Levi Funk, Trice Batson, Ashleigh Colpetsir.

**Discussion on:**

**Confirmation of Officer Positions** – LaSonda (Chair), Trice (Vice Chair), Levi (Treasurer), Diana (Secretary), Mary (Back up Secretary).

**APCA Conference** – It will be held on October 22-23 in Traverse City, MI., at Northwestern Michigan College. LaSonda is looking to see who will be available to attend. “The Changing Landscape in Student Success” is the title. Update: Board has approved for LaSonda Wells, Trice Batson, Mary Johnson and Carl Ross to attend.

**Review of Films** – We reviewed the trailer for the following documentaries and plays:

“The Year we thought about Love” – This play explores the experiences of LGBTQ teens. The committee elected to look into showing this play on campus as a part of our “movie and discussion” series.

“White Scripts and Black Supermen: Black Masculinities in Comic.” Kalamazoo Institute of Art (KIA) is hosting this viewing and discussion. KVCCU is one of many co-sponsors with a donation of \$1,000.

“Defamation” – this play is a court scene and the audience is the jury. This will be looked into for the 2019 season of events for KVCCU. We discussed opening this event up to High Schools, after we look at a convenient time for them. This play, when it was last discussed was around \$5500. We discussed reaching out to KIA, Arcus, WMU and other community entities, to see if we can get them to contribute, for this event.

**Website for our committee** –We want our website updated and a link to the Office of Diversity & Inclusion and also what is going on in our community. Update: Platform is ready for content and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion will have a separate website from KVCCU. LaSonda and Trice will begin with standing meetings to work on the websites.

**Meetings:** Next year we will begin meetings at the end of September given the many activities the first weeks of school.

**Snack Inventory** – LaSonda and Mary will take inventory of our snacks and fill out a PO to replenish our supplies. We looked at what events we will have lunch for and LaSonda will get the list to Mike for approval. We may have popcorn with some of our movies, if we have the man power and time commitment. We will check with Meredith to see if AWH has a popcorn machine. Update: Downtown campuses do not have popcorn machine.

**Swag** – We discussed new Polo shirts for members with our new name along with other giveaways during events.

**Budgeted items** –We discussed the budget and what we are looking at purchasing or co-funding this fiscal year.

\$1,000 –KIA,

\$600 – Lunches for events with invited guests

\$800 –Purchase of give-a-ways for various events (3 Kindles & 2 Mini I-Pads).

\$1500 – Kinetic Affect

TBD – NAACP Banquet

TBD – ISAACS Banquet

TBD – Polo Shirts

**October 25 Event** – We were scheduled to have a guest speaker but this date will be a regular meeting. We did discuss having a guest speaker on the topic of Breast Cancer next year given that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**The Office of Diversity & Inclusion** –Trice shared some of the task he is working on through his office.

Our Next event will be a “Movie and Discussion” series on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at AWH in Rm 128b from 11-1pm. We will watch Lee Mun Wah’s documentary “If These Halls Could Talk” – Snacks will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Johnson (Backup Secretary)

