

Diversity & Inclusion Commission

February 3, 2020, Minutes

In attendance:

- * Voting members: Chair Erica Collins; Vice-chair Barbara Mayfield; Kamel Ghozzi; Atsuki Kreiner; Heather Jepsen.
- * Ex Officio member: Nolan Brooks (City Council Liaison); Guest Dorothy Arvizu

1. Call to order at by Chair Erica Collins.

2. The November minutes were not available.

3. Commission membership: Warrensburg High School student Jane Kiger is now taking courses at UCM and indicates won't be able to participate in the Commission; Vicki Martin, educator at Warrensburg High School, and Kayla Duffy are interested in membership on the Commission. Dorothy Arvizu and Tara Napoleone-Clifford, who both live outside Warrensburg city limits, may apply to serve as ex officio members of the Commission. Tenneng Gitteh, a UCM student from Gambia, may be interested in serving as a student member.

4. Community Events and Outreach

a. Ethnic Festival—Due to lack of time to prepare the event for 2020, the Commission will plan for spring 2021.

b. Community events during 2020-- The Commission will offer support to other groups' events and explore sponsoring a small event. The Community Center might be a good location as it is authorized for serving the public. In the past, Warrensburg Middle School hosted Multicultural Night and the Girl Scouts hosted a multicultural event. Nolan Brooks suggested involving various Middle Eastern/Islamic groups. Partnerships could include: Center Stage (dance), UCM Theatre and Dance Department, Whiteman Air Force Base, Native American representation (the Lee Family was mentioned). A goal is to attract families of school-age children, and student clubs e.g. scouting and UCM student organizations.

c. Reminders: February is Black History Month; April is Hispanic History Month, and domestic violence; Lifelong Learning hosts a program Feb. 20, "Got Privilege."

d. Community Survey: The Commission was not able to meet at JC Kirkpatrick Library last month to discuss the survey conducted by Dr. Amber Clifford. That meeting will be rescheduled.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:27. Member Heather Jepsen needed to leave at 8:00.