

# Warrensburg Diversity & Inclusion Commission

March 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

## Minutes

**Voting members in attendance:** Chair Erica Collins, Vice Chair Barbara Mayfield, Heather Jepsen, Suzy Latare, Atsuki Mori

**Ex Officio members in attendance:** Nolan Brooks (City Council Liaison)

**Others in attendance:** Sara Lawson, *Warrensburg Star Journal*

**Chair Erica Collins called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Suzy Latare made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Heather Jepsen seconded; vote taken, motion passed.

**Approval of minutes from 02-01-2021 meeting:** Heather Jepsen made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Suzy Latare seconded; vote taken, motion passed.

### Community events and outreach

Review of Black History Month presentation at City Council

- Was well received by City Council and others
- Thank you to Heather for writing an updated Proclamation
- Elementary aged children weren't able to attend as planned, but Christa Collins filled in by reading a book about acceptance that she often reads to her students; Warrensburg High School student James Collins shared a list of movies with Black history/diversity themes; Karen Levine, longtime resident, shared her thoughts about growing up Black in Warrensburg and her current experiences of Warrensburg as a loving community; and Jarrod Peterson read an original poem

Erica reminded attendees of the Black History Month program from Jesus Saves Pentecostal Church, available at [this link](#).

### DIC Video Project

Heather and Barbara have done their videos, other members will work on getting them complete asap.

### New DIC Members

Erica spoke with Cindy Gabel who will send Erica all the current applications of those who are eligible to be on the Commission, and we'll review them at the next meeting.

### Other issues brought by DIC members

Suzy asked about meeting with other diversity related groups in town to coordinate efforts; Erica will reach out by email to Warrensburg High School's diversity committee, the Community Change Committee, the Center for Multiculturalism and Inclusivity at UCM, the BLACC group, the Diversity and Dialogue group, and the African American Heritage Association at WAFB, and invite them to next month's meeting.

### Items for next meeting

Review potential new members, roundtable introductions of diversity-related groups/entities in attendance

**Adjournment: 7:32 PM**