**Civil Rights Forum Notes**

**Progressive Action for the Common Good**

**May 9, 2022**

Present: Alta, Loxi, Mike, Susan, Deb, Susan L, Margie, Julie

Notes accepted by consensus

Discussion of Zoom vs. in-person. With Covid up, Zoom for June.

Shall we meet in July? Alta will be in Europe.

Mike Guster: MLK Interpretive Center. Have selected a contractor for park and look to break ground within a month or so. Supply woes have sent them back to drawing board. Going to build a park and will add more in phases. First goal: to have a functional park Completion around September. NAACP is working with Divine Nine fraternal group and NAACP political action working to increase registrations in cooperation with Auditor’s Office. Will canvass individuals who have not voted in last few cycles and are also working to register high school voters.

Susan: QCAir going thru personnel changes. Continuing to help folk apply for IFSP (?) funding. QCI working to get funding to front-line workers. Margie reported Croken did a fundraiser for that purpose. Some discussion of which fundraiser this was--there have been a lot. QCAIR planning multicultural event in September. QCI is holding Supervisor Forum before June primary. Will be a bilingual forum. Loxi doesn’t know much more. Loxi worried that some of the attendees may be targeted for not being documented.

QC Sanctuary Coalition needs funds to provide for the individual UUCQC is sponsoring, Illinois has grants. Iowa has nothing for workers who are undocumented. Illinois also has a higher minimum wage.

LULAC still bringing food to Columbus Junction and are lobbying for assistance.

Women’s Rights and Roe v Wade. Is there interest in reviving a Women’s Issues Forum? Do we know TWO people to take a leadership role? Maggie Tinsman is anti-abortion, but prochoice. She may be a possible leader. There was a woman whose mother died from preeclampsia and Alta/Deb will track her down. Alta will try to track down people to discuss.

We need to get voter turnout for June 6th Primary. PACG needs to promote voter turnout, using all our media tools. We cannot promote campaign fundraisers. We can encourage attendance at forums, etc. This is a critically important election.

Margie: Karen Metcalf’s husband Peter passed away.

Absentee Ballot Requests can be downloaded. Discussion: may be safer to do it early at the Auditor’s Office. Link in WEU application form. We should publicize that this is for the Primary Election.

We had a showing of the Black History Month video at MLK Interpretive Center. Interview subjects, Abdur, Glenda, and some community and PACG members attended. Maybe 20 people total. It was a nice event. This video will be shown again.

Mary McNeil is with Project Now and has been coordinating a book discussion and Kristin Henning’s book could be discussed in June or in October. Alta will connect with Mary. Julie make sure Alta has Mary’s contact info.

Juvenile Justice: working to bring candidates. Jazmin spoke at last meeting. Board of Supervisor candidate Joe Miller will be at this Friday’s meeting.

Candidates for board of supervisors in this QCT article: [https://qctimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/elections/heres-whos-running-for-scott-county-public-office-in-the-june-7-primary-election/article\_6ca9e9fe-ebaa-5f8f-8094-eb5a5aaf52b7.html](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fqctimes.com%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Fgovt-and-politics%2Felections%2Fheres-whos-running-for-scott-county-public-office-in-the-june-7-primary-election%2Farticle_6ca9e9fe-ebaa-5f8f-8094-eb5a5aaf52b7.html&data=05%7C01%7C%7C50d2c2f26b564f04179e08da2a2fe64b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637868682459145927%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hMVTO00%2B5i5BOCviaWY0Bdi%2FaoSYCZl24WDXEB%2BMfLQ%3D&reserved=0)

* **Incumbents:** Kinzer, Maxwell,
* **Democrats:** Karl Drapeaux, Joseph Miller, Jazmin Newton, Shea VanWinkle
* **Republicans:** Jean Dickson, Jennifer McAndrew Lane, Ross Paustian,

Miscellaneous:

Sue Normoyle at Human Rights Coalition on Illinois side. Discussion of possible time change to avoid conflict. No change for now.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

 Next Civil Rights monthly meeting – Monday, June 13 th at 5 pm via Zoom (host Alta Price)

 Juvenile Justice Coalition – Fridays, May 13 th , May 27 th and June 10 th at 4 pm via Zoom (host

Mike Guster)

*Notes taken by Julie Ross*