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MINUTES

SONC Education Committee Meeting by way of Zoom, Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7pm.

1. Joe Cappelletti, gave introduction to protocol for Zoom meetings. Jeffrey Hartsough, SONC President, joined to answer any questions about meeting procedures during the pandemic.

2. Agenda approved.

3. Roll call - All committee members present.

4. Joe advocated for attendees to participate and share thoughts and ideas for how to effect change in the community.

5. Motions.

A. Food Grant Program. SONC restricted from transferring City funds to individuals in any form - cash or gift cards. Betty Wong Oyama, Neighborhood Empowerment Analyst, clarified that although funds cannot be given to individual, SONC can partner with non-profit organizations

and apply for Neighborhood Purpose Grants (NPGs) and allocate funds to the non-profits. Alexandria has connected with LAUSD and suggested as one possibility partnering with PTA's which are non-profits. Alexandria has reached out to Jose Castillo, administrator in charge of our LAUSD district, and passed along NPG for his signing. The funds will be open to all 6 of our local schools and will be allocated on need basis. Another viable option is to partner with Councilman David Ryu, who could match our funds without requiring a NPG. Alexandria has been in touch with Brad Fingard, Case Manager to Councilman Ryu, regarding this option. We will craft a clear and specific motion to present at next SONC Board meeting and positioned to be passed by Finance Committee.

B. Anti-Racism Speaker Series. Alexandria has connected with David Ryu's office and has a speaker lined up for first event - UCSB professor whose expertise is in housing equality. Sarah recommended colleague who would be another excellent resource with expertise in matters of racism and privilege. Speakers could be paid or money could be donated to non-profit of their choosing.

Betty Wong Oyama urged committee to contact City Attorney before moving forward.

Work to be done: Review procedures under Event by the City; contact our funding representative; reach out to schools and faculty to promote the series; look to Outreach Committee to help promote; research how to hold an event - connect with other NC's; determine frequency of events, curriculum, technology platform, and viewing options - recording lecturers to maintain in web library; contact Dunn - has ability to promote events; research virtual event limitations as stipulated in Zoom agreement. Randy Fried, President of SCNC, suggested using Facebook to promote events. Also considered how to collaborate with neighboring NC's - and expand the reach of the series.

We will present our exploration of this project at next SONC Board meeting.

C. Anti-Racism Book Series. Committee brainstormed ways to establish a multimedia library devoted to anti-racism, including books, articles, documentaries and other programming, and make accessible to our community. Considered Zoom book club, Zoom drop-in series as means to facilitate this imperative conversation.

Work to be done: Delineate specifics - target audiences, dissemination of content and facilitating dialogue. We will present motion at next SONC Board meeting.

D. SONC Survey. Considered this to be appropriate as part of a larger SONC Outreach Survey inquiring about the needs and concerns of our SO community - specifically during the pandemic and also in a more general sense. We will formulate questions that relate specifically to the Education Committee.

6. Committee agreed on our personal mandate to proceed with the researching the specifics to the motions presented.

7. Education Committee will next convene on 2nd Tuesday of August.