

**Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
Steering Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

5 – 6 pm

Alexandria Black History Museum
902 Wythe Street, Alexandria, 22314

Present: Audrey Davis, Rose Dawson, Mark Farkas, Michael Johnson, RaAlim Shabazz, Tiffany Pache, Sarah Whelan

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order at 5:05
2. Film Screening, September 21

211 people signed up and at least 100 showed up. Both the Thomas family and McCoy family were present.

Discussion of distribution options and future fundraising.

Audrey has an inquiry from someone who wants to show it to her group.

Offer it to groups such as Amazon, Washington Gas, Churches to buy out screenings to see it before it airs (if it airs on WETA).

Exclusive piece.

Possible to use it for ToC's in the winter.

Discussion of showings for:

City Employees

ACPS staff and students. Shabazz would like to do a Black Box at Black History Month.

3. Inter Faith Event, September 26

The event went well. We were attendees but not cosponsors. We realize we need to develop some rules for cosponsoring events/speakers with other groups.

4. New Committee Update, Oct 2

Ms. Pache said that several community members attended the first Schools and Libraries Action Committee. They discussed holding some programs to better educate fellow Alexandrians on the issues facing schools when teaching hard history.

5. Tables of Conscience Dinners

Scheduled for: Oct 26, Nov 2 Nov 16. Please buy tickets and encourage friends and family to do so as well.

6. ACRP Merchandise Available

We have merchandise with ACRP logo on it for the first time. Ms. Pache shared the t-shirts. Mr. Shabazz suggested putting some of it in the school shop at ACHS.

Steering is interested in t-shirts and mugs.

7. ACPS Remembrance Students

Mr. Shabazz updated us on the first and second meetings for the Remembrance Students. There was significant discussion about the

projected costs and raising funds for an ACHS student pilgrimage. The Steering Committee recommends waiting until October for a pilgrimage while setting up meetings with the superintendent and others to discuss funding options. Mr. Shabazz and ACHS is considering pivoting to a local option for March dates. There was also discussion about the time needed to plan for the longer distance trip.

8. Trip to Reginald Lewis Museum exhibit tabled until next meeting.
9. January retreat (need date and location) – different locations suggested. Need a doodle poll.
10. McCoy lecturer booked. Robert Jones has agreed to speak about the Roots of White Supremacy.
11. Next Meeting: November TBD, 2024 (doodle poll to determine)