**Medina Diversity Project**

Minutes

May 16, 2019

Present: Phil Brewer, Harvey Carter, Jr., Valerie Johnson, Pam Miller, Kim Oliver,

Marcia Paladino, Cheryl Parzych

The Medina County District Library has expressed interest in collaborating with us on programs regarding Diversity and Inclusion during 2020. The Library needs to have a tentative plan in place by July and a definite plan by October. The group discussed the idea of monthly programs on different topics, some with speakers, some with group conversations and discussions. Cheryl suggested that we look at the YWCA of Greater Cleveland’s 21-day program on Racial and Social Equity for ideas. Pam will put together a proposal and submit it to the Library. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

Ohio Guidestone has also indicated some interest in holding Conversations on Bias.

The Diversity Project will have a space at Pizza Palooza on June 15th from 9 to 2. Volunteers are needed. We will continue the practice of having a banner for people to write on. Kim suggested the theme, “How Diverse is Medina? I Am….”

We’ll ask people to describe themselves in whatever way they prefer.

United Way is collecting new and gently used books for students and families in the Schools’ Summer Reinforcement Program which is designed to prevent “summer slide.”

Community Action Wayne/Medina is sponsoring “Bridges Out of Poverty” on June 7th at Medina Hospital.

Pam noted that all Cleveland Clinic hospitals will be providing training on “Unconscious Bias” this year.

Medina City Council’s Special Legislation Committee will discuss the proposed LBTQ Non-Discrimination Ordinance on June 17th.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2019.