



# **HABTF**

## **Meeting Summary**

### **June 22, 2022**

### **Zoom 1pm**

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 1 pm**
- 2. Approved Minutes from May, 25, 2022**
- 3. Attendance:**
- 4. Carmen's Bias Report --** No reports were made.
- 5. Town of Huntington Scholarships** 2500 each – submit application – with GPA and plans for their future. 250 word essay. 31 Applicants, 6 awardees. Final year of scholarship, because the contract is over with the sponsoring organization. A suggestion was made to seek further funds – this needs a “champion” – someone to organize it. Helen, Roxane, and Bette Schneiderman will help with this. This project is added to the new Project Management tool to keep track of it.
- 6. Upcoming Events:**
  - Newsletter coming out July 1.**
  - First Annual Huntington Family Pride Picnic** – Sunday, June 26, 1 – 4 pm@Mill Dam Park. Organized by Eric and Jim Rubin-Perez. There will be games for kids. HABTF will be there with a table.
  - National Night Out** – August 2, 4 pm - dark
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Anti-Bias Concert** - August 20, 1-4@Hecksher Park, on Chapin Stage. David Pinkowitz would like to help with the Aug 20, 2022 Anti-Bias Concert. He shared 2021 concert photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZhdHdmuTc8pMJYBz7>
  - Unity Day** – September 17, 10 – 3 pm at Stimson. Everyone is invited to march. If this committee, other committees, non-profits or temples or churches want to have a table everyone is welcome. David Pinkowitz suggests to use Sept 2022 Huntington Unity Day to bring together many town organizations to collaborate on providing support for hate crime victims.
- 7. Report from Inspector Scrima**

Two significant incidents since the last meeting. May 28 at St. Hugh of Lincoln. A man was charged with: On 5/28/22, a male damaged several windows and doors at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church 21 E. 9th St. Huntington Station. He was arrested and charged with Aggravated harassment first degree, Criminal mischief third degree, and disruption or disturbance of a religious service, funeral, burial or memorial service.

May 30 – swastika discovered on the window of a car on Berrywood drive in Huntington Station.

As part of Police Reform, each Precinct will have an Advisory Council of 6 – 8 people. This is still in process with regard to what form it will take, how often it will meet, the objectives, etc.

#### **8. Availability of new informational flyers; buttons; pencils; lawn signs**

Eve Krief will champion the Flyer Distribution Project; Lovelee Vetri will champion the Decal Project.

#### **9. Juneteenth Celebrations**

Friday, June 17 – fundraiser to build an African-American Museum. Looking at a property in Halesite or the Daniel Gale building on New York Avenue. Performance of a play, Tulsa, about a young, white, reporter interviewing a survivor of the Tulsa massacre. Raised over \$10,000. Donations can be made through 1653 Foundation: <https://1653foundation.org/african-american-museum>.

Saturday, June 18 - Juneteenth Celebration at Mt. Calvary Church, honoring Alex Richardson, Reverend Bernadette Watkins, Betty Jean Miller, Marva Jo Maddox, and Bishop Norris Porter for their life-long service to their community. Nice turnout. TOH Councilmembers and Suffolk and State Legislators were present. There was a collection for scholarships taken at the event.

#### **10. Presentation from interfaith clergy**

Kehillath Shalom Synagogue – incorporated Maya Angelou’s And Still I Rise poem into the Liturgy.

Huntington Jewish Center – incorporated reading into Sabbath liturgy. Seeking communal involvement.

There was a national Jewish Juneteenth celebration to welcome Shabbat on June 17. Recording [here](#).

11. **Community Concerns:** Lisa L: Proud Boys have been recruiting in Patchogue, Bay Shore, Riverhead. Concern about lack of police presence at their marches. Inspector Scrima said that Criminal Intelligence is keeping track of them. Criminal Intelligence is the hub for the information and disperses it to the local precincts. We haven’t heard much from the Huntington Patriots in about a year. Inspector Scrima was requested to have a conversation with the leaders of other precincts about what the SCPD is doing and how community members/organizations can help.

Resource: [SCPD Transparency Hub](#) – recording crimes and stops in the county.

Smithtown Library passed a motion to remove all Pride displays and all books from children’s rooms.

#### **12. Upcoming Meetings (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month@1 pm):**

- August 24<sup>th</sup> – speaker from the [Anti-Defamation League](#). Presentation by Scott Richman, Regional Director for NY and NJ. ADL June 2022 Report on Hate -- <https://www.adl.org/resources/report/hate-empire-state-extremism-antisemitism-new-york-2020-2021>
- September 28<sup>th</sup>
- October 26<sup>th</sup>

- November 21st (day before Thanksgiving)
- December 28<sup>th</sup>

**13. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30**