Anti-Racism Committee Report
October 10, 2022
Summarized by Etta Zasloff from the minutes of Nancy Richmond

Nancy reminded the group that the two high-level themes that emerged from the prioritization from the last meeting were (1) Advocacy and Local Anti-Racism Activism and (2) Educating Ourselves in Ways that We could Open to the Broader Community. Nancy indicated that the evening's agenda, and future agendas, will be aligned with our Mission: *to Learn, Educate, and Advocate,* not necessarily in that order.

1)Advocacy and local anti-racism activism
Local elections rose as the top priority of the meeting. Nancy shared South County Huddle's extensive Election Action Agenda, raising awareness of possible actions. : Members are encouraged to attend forums, put up yard signs and volunteer to support candidates of their choice, for top state offices. It was noted that there seems to be little action in the area for the offices of District #2 Congressman and Governor. Volunteer opportunities can be found on candidate websites. Talk to friends and relatives about who you are supporting.

Also review the newly published Voter Guide prepared by the LWV of South County. This document provides comprehensive information about State Senators and Delegates, Town Council candidates, and School Committee candidates. Share the link with your networks.

Nancy reviewed our non-profit tax status, and reminded us that we CAN personally endorse individual candidates with letters to the editor, local canvassing, postcards, etc. but refrain from representing your endorsement as UUCSC policy.

Johnnie suggested becoming more active in observing what is going on the local schools, since they have become a target in the backlash to antiracism activities. Attending meetings of School Improvement Teams (all schools have them) and community input meetings held by the School Committee or Subcommittees like the Building Committee, where they discuss plans for the future.

2) Educate ourselves in ways that we could open to the broader community
We continue to pursue and support efforts to realize a Mixed Magic presentation of their show "*Reflections: Growing Up as a Black Man in America*" and the Anti-Racism Film Series being organized by Charlie Donnelly and others.

3) Learn
The group agreed to read the book Of Blood and Sweat by Clyde Floyd. Nancy is going to order the nine books that are in circulation within the Ocean State system. Discussion about when and how we will come together to discuss the book was tabled until the next meeting.

Nancy proposed, and participants agreed, to extend the Anti-Racism meetings from 60 minutes to 75 minutes. The meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, from 7:00-8:15pm. All are welcome.

Next Meeting: Monday October 24, 2022