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SOUTHOLD JUSTICE REVIEW & REFORM TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEETING

10/27/2020

6:00PM-8:00PM VIA ZOOM

**Facilitator:** Carolyn Peabody

**Note Taker:** Julia Fetter

**Attendees:**

1. Carolyn Peabody	10. Paul Pallas
2. Jack Slattery	11. Martin Flatley
3. Margaret Cowden	12. Sonia Spar
4. Alison Byers	13. Bob Knuts
5. Anne Smith	14. Brian Mealy
6. Valerie Shelby	15. Brian Hughes
7. Laura Held	16. Jack Martilotta
8. Liz Gillooly	17. Julia Fetter
9. Stephen Kiely	18. Jeremy Schwartz

**Excused:**

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**Guests:**

1. Scott Russell
2. Alexandra Saint Laurent
3. Roman Wilinsky
4. Anne
5. Greg Cukor

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MINUTES

WELCOME: PRESENTED BY CAROLYN

- Minutes accepted by all members
- Town Supervisor Scott Russell joined the call for the first time.

- He explained to the group that he wanted the Town to have a hand, but not a grip, on this reform process and that they essentially serve as a resource, not a guide.
- Carolyn reiterated the collaborative and it's focus on racial equity and justice for all
- Carolyn also mentioned the recent data that was released on Suffolk County traffic stops. It revealed an analysis with alarming disparities between traffic stops by police with white drivers vs people of color.
  - Carolyn is bringing this up as an example of what is happening in our county, and what we are trying to prevent from happening in Southold.
  - Sonia emphasized the importance of collecting data because it will help us to understand what is going on in our town and it will help to guide our processes
- Julia asked all members of the task force to email her a 2-3 sentence bio on themselves to be posted on the website
  - [julia.fetter@stonybrook.edu](mailto:julia.fetter@stonybrook.edu)

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<b><u>Action Item:</u></b> Email Julia 2-3 bio for the website	<b><u>By Whom:</u></b> All members	<b><u>Due Date:</u></b> 10/25
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**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS: PRESENTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

- All work groups should come up with questions that they have for the Chief to answer so that we can send one list rather than reaching out individually every time we have a question
- Carolyn reiterated the importance of the group having all of the current policies and procedures in place for the police department.
  - The Chief said he will provide the policies as soon as possible because a good amount of them are not yet digital, but some of them have been scanned and can be sent over
- The press conference will be held on **11/9 at 2:00PM at Silversmith's Corner in Southold.** The communications committee is finalizing the lineup of speakers for the conference, and the current goal is to have the surveys done by the press conference date so that we can reach out to the community.
  - The communications committee created a document to collect all of the questions in one place to create the survey. This survey will serve the purpose of collecting initial data, and will be used to guide future surveys
- The group is talking about adding a new member to the task force to assist Alison on the work that is being done in Workgroup 3. There is also a need for more Latinx representation.
  - Both Reverend Wimberly and Liz have recommendations for the new member. This will be followed up on

- As a result, Brian Hughes brought up and questioned the make-up of the task force and will continue the conversation outside of the group with Stephen

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>Due Date:</b>
Create a list of questions for Chief Flatley to answer	All members	ASAP
Send Police Policies to the Steering Committee	Chief Flatley	ASAP
Complete surveys	Communications committee	11/9
Submit survey questions to the communications committee	All members	Before 11/9
Follow up on the choice of the addition to the task force	The Steering Committee	ASAP
Meet to discuss the make-up of the task force	Stephen and Brian H.	Before next meeting

## WORKGROUP REPORTS

- #1: The group reviewed the current roles, strategies and current programs involving policing and broke up the questions by topic and distributed them to group members to review. They will reconvene to discuss and then bring it to the task force
- #2: The group discussed questions on technology that they want to ask the police department. They also discussed their research on what other police departments are doing.
  - Bob Knuts highlighted the importance and effectiveness of direct interviews and thinks it would be beneficial to conduct interviews with police officers to collect data
- #3: Still needs to set a permanent time and choose a co-chair

<b>Action Item:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>Due Date:</b>
Follow up on direct interviews with the police	Bob Knuts	
Set a meeting time and choose a co-chair	Workgroup #3	ASAP

## AIRTABLE PRESENTATION: PRESENTED BY ALEX SAINT LAURENT

- Alex Saint Laurent, a community organizer and exec. director of NY Social Action, created an account and set up the formatting using The Task Force's work plan for our

group via AirTable to help with communication, collaboration and organizing data. She provided a training for the group during the meeting

- After the training, Alex agreed to have one-on-one training with the individuals who need more assistance.

<b><u>Action Item:</u></b> Reach out to Alex for assistance with Airtable	<b><u>By Whom:</u></b> Those that are struggling with AirTable	<b><u>Due Date:</u></b> ASAP
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