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CORE Co mission Minutes  
CORE Sub-committee Meeting-Community Conversations  
June 6, 2023- meeting via Zoom- 6 PM

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Sub-Committee Members Present: Nancy Nelson, Judy Barnes, Sally Whipple

Members Not Present: Amy Domeika, Jeff Koonankell

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6 PM
2. Old Business:

A discussion was held about the first conversation CORE will hold:

Who to invite: Adults who work with youth will be invited. Discussion as to which people could be invited. Suggestions were made and added to a list which we are compiling.

CORE members will ask those who they know if they would be interested in being part of a conversation.

Those who are invited will need to understand that this is a discussion to find out what is happening with the youth of Colchester.

A framework would be needed. The conversation would be based around questions to identify areas of difficulty around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Conversations will help CORE discover what is going on with our youth and through this discussion how CORE can help the youth in town. The goal is to foster a community built on collaboration, understanding, and inclusive dialogue as stated in the CORE mission statement.

Nancy will contact the administration at the schools, youth Librarian, School Resource Officer, Youth Center Director and religious organizations. Judy will research Islamic group, she has contacted a mother who is interested in participating. Sally will contact clubs at the school once the administration has given permission.

There is a possibility of holding another conversation with youth after a conversation with youth leaders.

3. New Business:

Conversation goal: CORE is going to hold a 'conversation' to find out where our youth stand in terms of diversity, equity and inclusion. What are they interested in, and what difficulties they might be having?

For example: Is there racism in town? Are there students who are not included? Is there bullying? Are children comfortable joining groups? Is there fairness as to ability to belong to town organizations?

What can CORE do to help once areas are identified. (Invite speakers, hold workshops, have more conversations, etc.).

Diversity, equity and inclusion would be the central topics where the students might be having difficulties, if any.

4. Date for the conversation: September

Location: School or church room. When we talk to adults who might want to participate in the discussion ask if they have a location that can be used.

5. Next meeting will be held in July. Date to be determined.

(Please note: There was an error with Zoom having to do with participants names.)

6. Adjournment: 6:39 PM