Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022, 6:30 pm
Woodbridge Town Library – Meeting Room

Present:
DEI Members: Chair Ellen Scalettar, Co-Chair Tahera Parvez, Steven Lawrence, David Franklin, and Sofia Morales

1. Chair Scalettar called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm, and extended a warm welcome to new DEI Committee member Sofia Morales.

2. Opening Circle: David Franklin noted that Ken Burns’ Documentary, The US and the Holocaust, is being aired. Discussion ensued.

3. Mosaic: Woodbridge Reading in Community: It was reported that Rabbi Rona Shapiro of B’nai Jacobs beautifully facilitated the September 20 discussion relating to chapters of the book People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present by author Dara Horn. Attendees of the event were engaged, and lively discussion took place.

4. Woodbridge Like Me Day 2022: The event will take place Sunday, October 9, between 11 am - 2 pm. (Monday, October 10 is the planned rain date.) Planning discussions took place including event promotion, music play lists, performances, participating organizations and food trucks.

5. Day of Dialogue at Amity High School: The theme of the event is world-wide cultures, and it will take place Thursday, October 13, 9:15 am- 12:15 pm. The DEI Committee was invited to attend the event, and a few committee members plan to attend.

6. Volunteer for next Opening Circle: Sofia Morales volunteered for the October meeting.

7. Adjournment: Ellen Scalettar motioned to adjourn; Tahera Parvez seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectively submitted: Toni Belenski