



**Cultural Awareness Team Minutes**  
**January 11, 2023 @ 2:00pm**  
**Founder's Room & Zoom**

**Co-Chairs: Erin King & Brett Whitnel**

**Roll Call:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Bigham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kayde Pender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leslie Weldon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin King (co-chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brett Whitnel (co-chair)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lorena Hines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Amber Suggs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brandy Woods
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Walton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robbie Woolridge

**Agenda Items:**

- I. **Call to Order @ 2:02pm by Erin King**
- II. **Approve Minutes** Motion to approve as presented by Brandy S. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jackie S. (MC)
- III. **Additions to the Agenda (none)**
- IV. **Items for Discussion**
  - *Policies for review: N/A*
  - *January Activity Ideas*
    - a. *Decorate display in H Hallway: National Holocaust History & Awareness*
      - i. *Survivor Stories*
      - ii. *Library & Online Resources*
    - b. *For 2024:*
      - i. *Holocaust History Mobile Bus*
      - ii. *Holocaust Museum Virtual Tour*
      - iii. *Local Presenter - Survivor Story ??*
  - *February Activity Ideas*
    - a. *Decorate display in H Hallway: Black History Month – Black Artists?*
    - b. *Black Artists – Jackie will talk with Stephanie Fisher & Lynne Chambers*
    - c. *Email an excerpt from “Letters from a Birmingham Prison” – Brandy will create*
    - d. *Black History Trivia Kahoot! on social media*
    - e. *Homecoming week activities*
      - i. *Black sitcoms in Commons: James research & schedule*
      - ii. *Saints Read: Athletes read to grade-school kids – Erin will talk with Coaches*
        1. *Can we? Here vs There? When?*
    - f. *“Shawnee Speaks” – February 24th: Critical Race Theory: an explanation presentation – Robbie Woolridge (Erin will approach about availability)*
    - g. *Healing Southern Illinois group & Montgomery Trip presentation – Mike McNally*
      - i. *Share with DEI Council*
    - h. *Local Black Greek Chapters – James will talk with Amber about past presentations*
    - i. *“Kenny.Fresh” Professional Speaker – James will connect with*
    - j. *Black Owned Business to cater lunch for Faculty/Staff Appreciation – Brandy will work with Tina to see what she already has planned.*
      - i. *Just Like Momma’s – Metropolis*
      - ii. *Ramona Stacy - Cairo*
    - k. *For 2024:*
      - i. *Black Greek Step Show*
      - ii. *Black Artist(s) Art Display*
      - iii. *Anything we don’t get accomplished in 2023!*
  - *March Activity Ideas:*
    - a. *Women’s History Month – Door decorating contest!*
    - b. *Disability Awareness Month / Brain Injury Awareness Month*
      - i. *“Shawnee Speaks” – March 20<sup>th</sup>: Ask current or graduated students, like Christian Bucher or Simon Carmona*
  - *April Activity Ideas:*
    - a. *Earth Month / Earth Day 22<sup>nd</sup>*
    - b. *Autism Acceptance Day – April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Send awareness email*
    - c. *National Counseling Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness / Stress Awareness Month*
      - i. *Info commercial on social media*
      - ii. *“Shawnee Speaks” – April 17<sup>th</sup> : Ask Donna to present? (Or another counselor?)*

- d. *National Library Day – April 6<sup>th</sup>: is Cecilia planning something?*
- *Future Ideas:*
  - a. *May Activity Ideas:*
    - i. *Mental Health Awareness Month*
    - ii. *Neurodiversity Celebration Week*
    - iii. *National Teachers Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday*
    - iv. *Mother’s Day*
  - b. *Future Activity Ideas*
    - i. *SIUC – COLA presenters: topics include: Black History Month, Women’s History Month, Asian America & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Latinx Heritage Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, & Native American Heritage Month... and others. (info attached)*
    - ii. *Erika Gilchrist: From Homeless to Rockstar (info attached)*
    - iii. *“KennyFresh”: belonging, identity, affirmation, mental health, wellbeing & faith. (info attached)*

**V. New Business**

**VI. Adjournment**

**VII. The next meeting will be held February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 2pm @ Founder’s Room**