

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

Held on May 25, 2021 via Zoom

**PRESENT**

Sylvia Alexander

Moses Esema

Marvin Goodman

Myra Joyce

Rob Jacklosky

Rita Pochter-Lowe

Ramdat Singh

Judith Green

**AFFILIATION**

ELCA Committee, Chair

CB8, Committee Member

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Community Committee Member

**ABSENT**

Martin Wolpoff

CB8, Committee Member

**GUESTS**

Lorenzo Manzano

Rebecca Brown

Peter Pamphile

Roger Grunwald

Ira Charles Levenberg

Araceli F

Shajada Brown

CM Eric Dinowitz Office

Manager-Spuyten Duyvil Library

Manager-Van Cortland Library

The Mitzvah Project

The meeting came to order at 7:35PM.

The minutes of March 25 and April 27, 2021 were approved as written.

The Chair reported that Mayor de Blasio announced schools would be open in September for in-school learning. The same day it was also reported that if the 3-foot social distancing would be in effect, some schools would not be able to contain all students and would require additional locations in the community to house the overflow. No longer will remote learning be offered as an option.

The Chair opened the discussion on future topics for our future meetings. Myra introduced Roger Grunwald-The Mitzvah Project. Mr. Grunwald explained that he does a virtual-Zoom one-man presentation including commentary and Q & A all over the country and offers his services to Public High School seniors on the Holocaust-Human Rights issue. He promised his late mother and aunt who were in Concentration Camps during WWII but were fortunate to have survived. Mr. Grunwald explained his mission to also include today's racism and anti-Semitism to students to help them understand how relative this is and should not be happening again. The committee will help in trying to make this happen in our two High Schools in the fall.

The Chair suggested several additional topics and will research them to present to the committee in the fall. The Chair will monitor the progress of the Board of Regents desire to include a Pathway course of Civic Certificates as a choice that can be substituted for one of the five Regents required for graduation.

The managers of the branch libraries gave their reports. Their websites have additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Sylvia Alexander, Chair  
Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee