

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the ELCA Committee meeting held on October 27, 2020

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Moses Esema
Marvin Goodman
Myra Joyce
Rob Jacklosky
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Ramdat Singh
Martin Wolpoff
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8-Committee Member
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Community Committee Member

GUESTS

Xiomara Martinez
New Visions Charter HS for the Humanities
Peter Pamphile
Manager, VC Branch Library
Tambra Gill
Manager, Jerome Branch Library
Alma C.
Araceli Farcient
Ira Charles Levenberg
Constance Barnes-Watson
Joey Azoulai

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM. The Chair welcomed two new committee members. Moses Esema newly appointed to the community board after having attended ELCA meetings for two years as a community resident. Ramdat Singh, newly appointed to the community board has joined the ELCA committee. Ramdat is a teacher at RKA and was most helpful to the Chair in the use of zoom during the meeting for which he deserves much thanks.

The approval of the minutes of September 22, 2020 were corrected as follows: Moses Esema's spelling of his last name was corrected. The word "Implicated" in the Chair's report was changed to "implemented". Myra Joyce's statement was changed to: Myra Joyce, a new member of the ELCA committee is the Vice-Chair

of the Riverdale Art Assoc. and is on the Board of the Riverdale Choral Society. She sees her role on this committee as a representative to the art and cultural organizations in CB8, especially since nearly all have been affected by the pandemic. It will be important to know how they are coping and share strategies among the organizations. The committee approved the minutes as amended.

Our speaker was Xiomara Martinez. She is the Family Engagement Manager at the New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities at the John F. Kennedy High School Campus. She gave us an overview of the school and encouraged community students and parents to reach out to her for more information. She can be contacted at her email: XMartinez1@charter.newvisions.org.

Chair reported her attendance at a Zoom meeting on early childhood education. One of the speakers felt that parent engagement was all important in a child's education. The Chair also attended the DOE portion of the Bronx Budget Consultations where upon asking a question regarding students without devices or connected to wi-fi, was told they are given packets to work on. These packets are not curriculum based and will need remediation the same as students on remote learning. The DOE is not meeting the needs for our children; our future.

The Van Cortland Library manager and Jerome Branch manager spoke about the many programs that can be found on their websites. They are open for Grab & Go visits.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair ELCA Committee