

Glover Equity Committee
MINUTES
12 July 2023

Present: Jethro Hayman, Chair, Mariel Hess, Maria Hill, Vice Chair, Darlene Young, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 11 a.m. We started with check-ins about how we fared in the heavy rains and flooding. Many expressions of gratitude.

Still I Rise Freedom Festival

A major concern for the Freedom Festival on July 22 is whether the artists coming from the Burlington area will be able to get to Glover given the severe flood damage done to roads and bridges in the state. Jethro will drive to Burlington later in the week to see whether a alternate route is available. If a safe route isn't available, as a last resort we may need to cancel the event. Most of the artists have already been paid so canceling or postponing might mean a big loss. It's possible some performers may have to back out, depending on their individual circumstances. Holding the event may be an opportunity to lift people's spirits and possibly to collect donations for flood recovery efforts.

One of venues for the event, the Glover Town Hall, was flooded. On Wednesday, the town was seeking volunteers to help with clean up.

At noon on July 22, children's activities will start at the Glover Community School where there's plenty of parking. After the family-friendly portion concludes, the activities will shift to the Glover Town Hall. Our hope is that many people will walk to the town hall and leave their vehicles at the school. We can make announcements during the day to let people know the details of the day.

Jethro went over details that still need ironing out:

Hospitality.

Jethro's sister, Amalia, who recently moved to Glover Village will provide hospitality for performers. Refreshments will include drinks, pizza from Parker Pie and cheeses from Jasper Hill. There will be donated food for the public as well.

Photography.

Documenting the event is important so we'd like to find volunteer photographers, both still and video, to capture the event throughout the day. Morrow may be able to take photos early in the event, from 12-3.

Childcare.

Some artists have children and it would be nice to provide childcare for them. Haven may be able to help with childcare, with the help of an adult. If anyone would like to help with childcare, please let Jethro know.

Set-up/Decoration.

Some set-up and decoration will be required. We have the equity art that was used for the dance. If anyone would like to help with set-up and decoration, please let Jethro know.

Clean-up.

We may be able to find volunteers for clean up during the event.

Security/Greeters.

As with the dance earlier in the year, we'll use a greeter at the door to answer questions and direct people. The person/team can also act as an informal security presence, keeping an eye on things. Jethro will be at the event all day and can assist. Darlene will line up greeters.

Promotion.

The Chronicle has agreed to run some free ads to promote the event. *The Newport Daily Express* will be doing a story about the Freedom Festival. Jethro has 100 posters available and will reach out to committee members for help with distribution. We'll use social media (Front Porch Forum and Facebook) to promote the event as widely as we can. Please share the link with friends, neighbors, and community groups:
<https://gloverequity.org/still-i-rise-freedom-festival/>

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting: **Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the Glover Town Hall**

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Young, Secretary