

## Appendix C

DEI Committee meeting

October 15, 2019

3:30 p.m. Conference Room C, Co-op Resource Center, WRJ

Present: Liz Blum (Chair, board member), Benoit Roisin (board member), Lori Hildbrand (employee), Nora Paley (member), Allene Swienckowski (board member) April Harkness (employee)

Absent: Victoria Fullerton (board member)

The committee had a general discussion of recent and upcoming diversity events in the area and beyond. We continue to plan for an event to have Teresa Mares present on her book *Life on the Other Border*. She has agreed to participate, but is busy through December. The committee is considering January to host this event. Hopefully it will also include migrant farm workers who will talk about their experiences and how our dairy is produced in Vermont and NH. Liz will contact Migrant Justice (Justicia Migrante) to arrange for the farmworkers' participation.

The committee discussed partnering with other organizations combatting food insecurity, such as Listen, the Haven and Willing Hands. We'll check with Kyle to see if the event could be held at Listen after the Co-op sponsored community dinner. The committee is also considering partnering with the UV Food Co-op on the event. We discussed having desserts and coffee and requiring an RSVP to better plan for attendees. Attendees would be asked to bring an item to donate to area food shelves.

The committee may consider a one-year plan to schedule other events throughout the year. A theme that is on our mind is food insecurity and its many ramifications.

The committee continues to plan for this public event.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.