

PCEFT Board Meeting Notes

June 21st, 2022

Board members present were: Sharon H., Tsz Yin, Marla, Hundley, Tracy, Trish, Dora, & Marla

Community members present were: Jean, Dasia, & Amanda

Agenda included:

- Board & EIJC relations
- Broader Community
- Survey

Check-ins

Personal updates & a sense of exhaustion as well as questions about what we are doing here together/how to make sense of where we are.

Survey

- Discussing whether or not to introduce the survey by saying that the Board and EIJC are committed to transforming PCEFT into an antiracist antioppressive community and de-centering whiteness caused difficult feelings and a dialogue that needed to be slowed down and expanded to give focus to the one BIPOC board member present.
- “Stuckness” around this topic on Slack was also referenced, with some again wanting to amplify BIPOC contributors.
- The conversation helped to exemplify stuck points between the Board and EIJC. (The “beginner” white caucus was also referenced as part of where things get stuck between the Board and the EIJC.)
- The discussion caused some pain for some members of the Board. This was named and some repair was done in real time.

Mediation

We discussed entering into some kind of mediation process to resolve the “stuckness.” Sharon Hale agreed to reach out to NW Resolutions and share what she learned.

Check-outs

Some participants expressed gratitude for willingness to discuss hard topics around racism and white supremacy and to “walk the talk” in real time.

Others expressed disappointment and feeling let down about where we were.