15 Jan, 2025 V-MCC Equity Committee Meeting Notes

Attendees: Jenna, Jess, Kathleen, Deborah Anderson, Maridee Bonadea, Elena Camarillo, Gaye Detzer, Kevin

Meeting started at: 6:30 pm

Land Acknowledgement: shared by Kevin

Review and approve or revise this agenda: Approved as written

Update on INN - Kathleen:

- Kathleen provided an overview of the INN mission, summarized INN events to date and provided a look-ahead of potential INN activities.

Discussion: Possible next steps for the Equity Committee

- Attendees discussed:
 - How to unify the community during times of crisis (fire, earthquake)
 - \circ The Methodist Church is devoting energy and skills to addressing racism
 - Protecting vulnerable community members was a recommended top priority issue
 - Regarding outreach initiative emphasize interviewing the recipients of island non-profit group services, as opposed to interviewing the people who provide those services
 - General support for the notion that the Community Council should always have a focus on equity and inclusion

Call for priority topics for our next meeting:

- Discussion: Final disposition of Outreach Initiative responses spreadsheet
- Decision: Next steps for Equity, Social Justice and Inclusion committee
- Update on INN

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Next meeting – Feb 5th, 6 – 7:30pm, zoom.