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Meeting Agenda – 2/26/2021

1) **Review last meeting:** Newsletter. Women’s History Month (March).

2) **Introduction:** Over the past few years many people have felt a sense of unrest due to events going on in our communities and nationwide. One of the major events that news stations focused on, for a period in 2020, was the Black Lives Matter protests. As we reach the end of Black History Month let’s have a discussion regarding this movement and what it means to be Black in America today.

3) **Agreements of our Discussions**
   - What goes on in the group must stay in the group. When appropriate, leader(s) will act as advocates for the group to help bring about change for those in the group
   - Don’t put down other groups
   - No side talking – respect the speaker
   - No interrupting
   - Be supportive
   - Respect those not in the room by not using names when talking about other people
   - Give everyone a chance to talk
   - Stay on topic of discussion
   - Don’t put words in other people’s mouths
   - In this safe space, every question is a good question

4) **Show Video:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftoxGMwZiF4&list=PLQOa26lWul9BVAc1luFNGoayTsOE_SYN&index=15](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftoxGMwZiF4&list=PLQOa26lWul9BVAc1luFNGoayTsOE_SYN&index=15)

5) **Discussion Questions:**
   - In watching the video “Fighting for Change Amid a Summer of Unrest”, what are your initial thoughts?
   - The video mentioned the notion of “Defunding the Police”. What is your understanding of this? Do you agree or disagree?

6) **Conclusion:** There is so much progress that has been made, yet, still so much work to be done. As we move forward, we might ask ourselves, am I part of the problem? What can I do to effect positive change?

**Next Meeting will be on March 18, 2021 at 8:30am**

*Note: Typically, those in support of defunding the police mainly aim to reallocate a portion of police funding to support people and services in marginalized communities. Their goal is not to necessarily get rid of police altogether.*