

**MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, January 5, 2009

3:30 p.m. – **5:00 p.m.**

Human Services Building

Agenda

Members present: Leroy Hill , Earl Teasley , Sherri West, Philip Smith, John Schwebel, Carolyn Schwebel, Det. David D'Amico, Barry Johnson, Diane Schwarz.

I. Call to Order – Salute to the Flag. The meeting was called to order at 3:45pm.

II. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes. The minutes from the last executive meeting were corrected and approved.

III. Chairperson's Report

Earl wished all a Happy New Year and spoke of the prospects for a busy year. He mentioned the need to provide input from the community throughout the year to make sure equality and access are provided. He also urged members to remain informed and to support all instances of bias rather than focusing on one's own agenda or group. Finally, Earl discussed the need to publicize all events and workshops dealing with the work of community groups and/or the MCHRC to the wider community.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Phil Smith

Treasurer Phil Smith reported a balance on hand of \$1645.76, and requested Barry Johnson, Monmouth County Division of Human Services, to provide a summary of the expenses of the MCHRC for the past year, with a report scheduled for the February meeting. Barry mentioned that there were some outstanding bills for 2008, which would bring the balance down in the vicinity of \$800. Barry suggested that, as much as possible, expenses for future events be estimated well in advance of any event so as to simplify the reporting procedure for reimbursement. Phil noted that the main expense of the MCHRC to date has been the Monmouth County Fair, but that there was a large enough inventory left over from last year so as not to cause large costs in 2009. Kay Guadagno and Linda Zucaro, along with Phil, are on the Fair Committee, and they plan to meet in February. Since the 2009 county budget will be a challenging one, it is incumbent on members to plan carefully and well ahead for upcoming events.

V. Core Team Reports

A. Police/Community Relations – Dave D'Amico presented for Chief Jack Hill. There wasn't a quorum for the last meeting, so no new developments have taken place, but a meeting is scheduled for Jan. 28, 2009, with emphasis on planning for the spring workshops, "Walk a Day in My Shoes."

- B. Youth Awareness – Pat Collum was not present, but members reported that the December meeting was canceled. Thus, there were no new updates, nor information about future meetings at this time.
- C. Economic Issues –Earl presented in Linda Zucaro’s absence. There is, at present, no news concerning the possibility of creating an Asbury Park Muni HRC. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15, 2009, @ 3:30 p.m. at Presbyterian Church House in Shrewsbury.

VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams

- A. Membership – Leroy Hill reported that while outreach continues, there are no prospective members at present.
- B. Communications – Carolyn and John Schwebel are updating the Membership Directory, and contacting non-active members to notify them of their impending removal from the Commission at the Feb. 2, 2009, meeting of the full commission. Sherri will send letters and/or emails, as per the Commission regulations, to Joan Brearley, Michael Warshaw, Wendy Edelson, Thomas and Maxine Daniels, Howard West, Richard Favara, and Connie Selby. Carolyn reported several requests for speakers from Wall, Oceanport, and Mt. Holyoke club.
- C. Resource Development – In Kay Guadagno’s absence, Earl reported that there is no news but work continues on the MCHRC banner.
- D. Incident Response and Reporting Team – Earl Teasley and Dave D’Amico noted that plans for Conflict Resolution workshops in Asbury Park continue, and that Dave D’Amico will receive emergency requests via the Hotline.
- E. Immigration Working Group – There was no news to report save Earl’s discussion with the Prosecutor’s Office. They asked that the Commission representatives hold off in speaking with Sheriff’s Office until more definitive information regarding immigration detention facilities as per the 287G grant be provided. Earl said that Sheriff Guadagno is willing to address the issue to the full commission at a future meeting.

VII. Old Business

- A. A Middletown Human Rights Commission update was provided by Carolyn Schwebel, who noted that the issue of the commission was still open, and that the MCHRC needs to be vigilant so that the Middletown MUNI not be allowed to die.
- B. Letters to the Freeholders on upcoming appointments will be sent.

VIII. New Business

- A. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, January 19, 2009, will be held and members were asked to attend.
- B. Wilbur Ray Scholarship Dinner, February 27, 2009, with Julius Ramsay as one of the honorees, and the Commission will purchase four tickets to the event.

IX. Calendar

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting – March 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
- B. Next Full Commission Meeting – February 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sherri West, Secretary