

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, March 1, 2010/3:30p.m. – **5:00 p.m.**

AG Building Conference Room

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Members Attending: Sondra Cannon, Dave D'Amico, Fatima Jaffari, Ruth Lax, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Phil Smith, Julius Ramsey, Linda Zucaro, Sherri West.

- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 3:45PM followed by a salute to the flag. As Earl was unexpectedly detained, Vice Chair, Carolyn Schwebel, ran the meeting.
- II. The minutes from the January Executive Board meeting were approved.
- III. Chair's Report – None.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Phil Smith, Treasurer, circulated a copy of funds spent by the end of calendar year 2009, and reported that we have a present balance of \$ 729.51. A question of funds allocated for the Simon Wiesenthal March workshop still needs to be confirmed with Charles Brown, as the funds have to be allocated in advance.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness – the next meeting will be held on March 8, 2010, at 3PM at the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church. The workshop was discussed and members were asked to distribute the circulated flier to bring to the attention of their friends. The group is also working on a guide for schools wanting to set up Human Relations Commissions and plans to discuss in more detail last month's presentation by the Baldwins.
 - B. Police and Community Relations – Dave D'Amico had nothing to report. Carolyn and John Schwebel mentioned the possibility that Deputy Chief Eugene Hannafy, Middletown, might be a possible future member and will follow up on the matter.
 - C. Economic Issues – Sondra Cannon mentioned conversations to set up a meeting with Donna Blaze, CEO of the Affordable Housing Alliance in Monmouth County, but snow has prevented them from getting together to date. One thing Donna recommended was greater participation of affordable housing advocates on the MCHRC.

VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams

A. Membership

1. Need for Chair – Linda reported that Leroy Hill has taken an 18 month leave of absence and cannot continue as chair.
2. Attendance Issue – Linda reported that the by-laws stipulated that missing four consecutive meetings could jeopardize membership in the MCHRC. As of today, Wayne Boatwright, Chief Darryl Breckinridge, Pat Collum, Dale Daniels, Robert Honecker, Mark Kinmon, Rosa Lee, Ted Lee, Marty Lefsky, Toby Shylit-Mack, Ray Rodriguez, Charanjit and Inderjit Sawhney, and Father Miguel Virella fall into this category (June-December 2009). In discussion of the motion to initiate a letter to those mentioned above, Linda asked that Pat Collum and Rosa Lee be exempt based on their contributions to the MCHRC in other ways. Dave D’Amico urged that the initial letter acknowledge past contributions and ask members to make a commitment to the MCHRC before being removed. Dave then motioned that the secretary send a letter to those members missing four consecutive meetings, asking for their response, and urging each to renew their commitment and attend the next full commission meeting. The motion passed.

B. Communications – Nothing to report.

C. Incident Response and Reporting – Nothing to report.

D. Resource Development – Nothing to report.

E. Immigration Working Group – The working group has not met but Sherri West is working with the League of Women Voters on immigration issues, especially as it relates to the implementation of 287g and will report any updates at a future meeting. She also mentioned that member Cecilia Reynolds has received a grant associated with Monmouth University for the creation of The Center for Immigrant Services (CIS). Its mission is to provide reliable and cost-effective on-site professional services to the immigrant community residing in Monmouth County, so they can better understand how to access the services offered by the private and public sector.

VII. Old Business

A. By-Laws and Core Team Issues – A brief discussion occurred whereby Linda summarized we are awaiting a draft of the by-laws from Janice Sweeney. With respect to the Core Team issue we are waiting for Earl to appoint the committee.

B. Other Old Business – Linda mentioned two old items from the January Executive Committee. She moved a resolution for the payment of dues in the amount of \$100 to the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, a non-profit agency, which was seconded and passed. Linda asked that Phil Smith pursue the issue with Earl and Charles Brown. Fatima Jaffari reported that the Three Faiths event will take place at Monmouth University on May 23rd which may require money for a table and handouts from the MCHRC. Linda Zucaro moved to offer a maximum of \$300 for the participation of the MCHRC in this event, Dave D’Amico seconded the motion, and it was approved. Dave will follow through with Earl with respect to the Simon Wiesenthal workshop now scheduled for March 10, 2010.

VIII. New Business –

A. Phil Smith mentioned participation for four and a half- page ad in the Wilbur Ray dinner which will take place on Friday, March 5, 2010, in the amount of \$200.

B. Dave D’Amico will be a featured speaker at the Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education Center on May 12, 2010. Dave mentioned that schools can get help for reimbursement for buses in order to attend the Colloquium by contacting the Center and urged members to notify their local schools of this possibility.

VIII. Calendar

A. Next Full Commission Meeting – April 12, 2010, 3:30 p.m., [2nd Monday]

B. Next Executive Committee Meeting – May 3, 2010, 3:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment at 4:45PM.

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary