

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Monday January 10, 2011 3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
AG Building Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Kay Guadagno, Linda Zucaro, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Sherri West, Phil Smith, Charles D. Brown III, Charanjit Sawhney, Inderjit Singh Sawhney.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:40PM followed with Salute to the Flag
- II. The minutes of the November 1, 2010, minutes were approved with minor corrections.
- III. Chair's Report – The Chair dispensed with a formal report and commented on various issues of interest to the Commission during the meeting.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Phil reported that he closed out the Wachovia bank account of \$92.29, of which \$55.00 will be spent on the Earl Teasley award. At present, we have a remainder of \$38.00 to dispense for various small costs incurred by members.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness – Linda reported our next meeting will be held on Jan. 11, 2011, at 4:30 in MAN 118 at Brookdale Community College. The committee is working on creation of mini-HRCs and the Spring workshop, topic to be decided. Another project involves updating the links for inclusion on the MCHRC website. The Fort Committee has created a Housing Advisory Committee and Linda, as a member of the A-Team, has been appointed as a member of this committee.
- VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams
 - A. Membership – no activity.
 - B. Communications:
 1. Web page – Accounting procedures to fund the website were discussed, and it was decided that it was permissible to reimburse John Schwebel, on behalf of the Human Relations Commission, for costs incurred. John will submit the voucher to the County after establishing the website with (unless already taken) the following URL: MonmouthCountyHRC.org, and, once applied for, should take approximately a month to become operational. A press release announcing the awarding of the Earl T. Teasley Award on Feb. 7, 2011, has been sent to local media and to the County to be placed on its Events Calendar.
 2. Facebook page for MCHRC – no new activity. Randy is unable to come to meetings but has been notified to develop a Facebook page.
 - C. Incident Response and Reporting – no incidents reported to Linda, the acting Chair. Her concern is that the bias hotline number is not known, so suggestions for publicizing are welcome.

- D. Resource Development – no new developments, but the new table cover (red with the MCHRC logo) is missing and Sherri will send out an email if it cannot be located.
- E. Immigration Working Group – Sherri will reach out to Cecilia to determine whether, at this time, she is willing to participate in developing a future workshop. Linda mentioned other contacts save that of ICE, which is not willing to appear publicly. There is now an official acting prosecutor, Peter Warshaw, who will be confirmed at a future point. Linda will draft a letter to Acting Prosecutor Warshaw to the March Executive meeting asking him to remind municipalities of the existing Attorney General’s Directive 2073 with respect to immigration enforcement.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Reorganization Study Committee – no report. Carolyn will call Sondra to ask that she report again at the March Executive meeting.
- B. Earl T. Teasley Humanitarian Award, February 7, 2011, and Carolyn urged all members to attend. Linda suggested that each Executive member divide up the telephone list and call the members. As Carolyn suggested, instead Linda will call members on page one of the membership directory, Carolyn will call page two and Sherri page three to remind members of the February 7, 2011 award.

VIII. New Business

- A. Kay Guadagno announced that the American Conference on Diversity Dinner will be held on April 28, 2011, and one of the six honorees will be the Monmouth Commission of Human Relations. Sherri moved that we accept the award and send two members to the dinner, seconded by Linda, approved with one abstention. Phil Smith suggested to task someone to develop the short statement of MCHRC’s accomplishments and John Schwebel agreed to do so.
- B. Linda announced that all members are being asked to participate in the next Project Homeless Connect, and reminded the members that Jeff Schwartz, Project Homeless Connect, had attended a past meeting discussing the past events. The group is seeking volunteers to participate on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at the Shrewsbury Zion Church from 7:30AM, and she distributed a flier with contact information. Participants are also welcomed at the set-up on Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, in the afternoon.

For more information, see:

<http://www.monmouthhumanservices.org/planning.asp>.

- C. The Jan. 17, 2011, Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast from 8:00- 10:00 at Branches was discussed, and Linda motioned to send two members to that breakfast, seconded by Kay Guadagno and approved.
- D. Phil Smith mentioned the Wilbur Ray dinner to be held on Mar. 17, 2011, and he will bring information to the next meeting.

E. Discussion of the legal/official status of the MCRHC was raised by Charles Brown. Linda mentioned that we are not a non-profit but are under the auspices of the County to allow us to function. Charles is interested in establishing policies that will work to provide the efficiencies in communication and accounting and future planning for the MCHRC.

VIII. Calendar

A. Next Executive Committee Meeting –March 7, 2011 3:30 p.m.

B Next Full Commission Meeting: February 7, 2011

VIII. Adjournment at 4:45PM.

Submitted by: Sherri West, Secretary