

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2011 3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
AG Building Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attending: Charles W. Brown III, Pat Collum, Kay Guadagno, Chanderjit and Inderjit Sahwney, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Phil Smith, John Sorrentino, Sherri West, Bob Williams, Linda Zucaro.

- I. The Call to Order and Salute to the Flag took place at 3:35PM.
- II. Approval of March 7, 2011, minutes—approved with one correction, the removal of the password for the MCHRC website.
- III. Chair’s Report – none today.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – A small checking account was closed (under \$100) and the bulk of the money was used to purchase the recognition candles for the Teasley Award. The balance will be used to defray printing costs for the Fall Youth Core workshop.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness – the last meeting was held on April 18, 2011, and Linda discussed our stagnant efforts to establish Human Relations Clubs at various high schools. Planning for the Fall Affirmative Action Workshop continues, with the theme, “Is it Hate Speech or Just Trash Talk?,” which will focus on various aspects of this topic with a concluding element on civility, tentatively to be held on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at the Ag Building. The format and some tentative speakers have been lined up. The next meeting will be on May 16, 2011, at 4PM at the Shrewsbury Presbyterian Church.
 - B. Police/Community Relations – Carolyn mentioned an article in the Press by Mark Kinmon to help in establishing community relations in Asbury Park. Angel was not present so there was no report.
- VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams
 - A. Membership: The Executive Committee voted to remove the following members for lack of attendance, Dale Daniels (though she will look for a replacement), Howard Gases (is no longer with the Foundation), Ray Rodriguez (who has retired from Monmouth University), Cecilia Reynolds (will try to find another from Los Nostros), and Lolita Jacob, who did not respond. Toby Shylit-Mack would like to remain and plans to attend the next meeting. A motion for removal was made and seconded, followed by discussion, then voted on unanimously.
 - B. Communications – Randy Thompson has a mockup of the Facebook page, and Randy and Kendall will continue to work on it, with Kendall reporting on it in June. Pat Collum asked if the County had a link to our webpage, and John explained that it is set up and he is putting past minutes and other Commission information on the site.
 - C. Incident Response and Reporting – Linda Zuccaro mentioned one hotline call this past month, a woman complaining of racial harassment from Long Branch against a church there and the police department.

However, further conversation led Linda to realize that there may be more to the issue, so Linda reached out to Dave D'Amico and to Brookdale's Counseling Department. The consensus is that she is suffering from mental health issues and she was advised to go to the Long Branch Police Department to discuss the matter further with someone she trusts, the same at Brookdale. Charles Brown suggested contacting the Monmouth County Office of Mental Health as they may be able to provide service as well.

- D. Resource Development - Kay Guadagno has no report, but Kay did attend the American Council on Diversity dinner last week, and Kendall and Randy did an excellent job of accepting the award on our behalf. Carolyn mentioned that Randy called to give his appreciation for being able to represent the Commission and that he had made some contacts with the Ocean County Diversity Commission. There was also a brief discussion of handouts for the fair.
- E. Immigration Working Group - No report.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Monmouth County Fair, last weekend in July - Charles Brown spoke with Laura Kirkpatrick from the County, and was told that their booth was only for County agencies. Therefore, the Commission would have to apply for its own permit. Bob Williams raised the issue of participating this year because of manpower, and a brief discussion took place about the nature of the Commission and its relationship to the County. The Commission will have to pay an application fee of \$325 and insure that the fair be fully staffed. Bob asked whether there would be an upside to participation in the Fair, to which Linda responded that, with our own booth, we could offer more activities and enhance our visibility. Sherri moved that we should participate in this year's Fair, seconded by Linda Zuccaro. The motion was amended to be voted on in June by the Full Commission after a report by the Fair committee, seconded by Carolyn. Exploration of fund-raising was also discussed, and approved. After a telephone conversation with Jim Butler, Fair Coordinator, it was learned that we could submit an application without sending a check, so the full motion will be voted on in June after a report from the Fair Committee.
- B. Linda reported that the A-Team will participate in the Housing Center Bus Tour, to which we have contributed, that will take place on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 with two buses scheduled. Randy Thompson will participate.

VIII. New Business - None.

VIII. Calendar

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting - July 11, 2011 3:30 p.m.
- B. Next Full Commission Meeting: June 6, 2011

VIII. Adjournment

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary