

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Executive Committee Meeting

(All Are Invited To Attend)

Monday, September 12, 2011 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

AG Building Conference Room

4000 Kozlowski Road, Freehold. NJ 07728

Attendance: Linda Zucaro, John Sorrentino, Philip Smith, Sondra Cannon, Jeff Delaney, John Schwebel, Carolyn Schwebel, Charles D. Brown, Kendall Baldwin, Rosa Lee, Julian R. Williams.

- I. The **Call to Order** was followed by the salute to the flag.
- II. Approval of July 11, 2011 minutes- Minutes were approved with changes to the Communications section and an item of unfinished business.
- III. **Chair's Report-** Jeff Delaney addressed a meeting with the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office to be rescheduled for the following Tuesday to discuss law enforcement involvement with the Commission. Jeff wants the Commission "to become proactive in bringing groups together". Linda Zucaro commented that one of the major importances of addressing involvement with law enforcement was that it would allow us to be in contact with various other groups that include racial minority groups.

In regards to the upcoming Latino Festival, our contact Frank Fryre could not be reached to obtain more information on our potential involvement in the event. Both Philip Smith and Rosa Lee volunteered to contact Luis Martinez about the event.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report-** There were no reported changes to the previous balance of \$2,272.70.
- V. **Core Team Reports**
 - A. **Youth Awareness-** Linda announced the next meeting to be held on September 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury. The Fall Workshop on Hate Speech versus Bullying, designed for middle and high school-based personnel, is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There are 12-15 people registered to attend at this time. Linda gave copies of the workshop program to affirmative actions officers to be distributed and Jeff distributed it to all districts in hopes of increasing the number of attendees.
 - B. **Police/Community Relations-** No updates to report at this time.
- VI. **Standing Committee Reports**
 - A. **Membership-** Carolyn Schwebel and Linda's first order of business was to conduct introductions as potential member and Meridian representative, Julian R. Williams, attended a meeting for the first time. Julian's application had been previously emailed to executive members to review. Carolyn made a motion to vote Julian as a new member and Phil seconded the motion. A vote took place which resulted in a unanimous decision to accept Julian's application.

Carolyn and Linda discussed efforts to rekindle contacts with various groups due to lost members. Since previous member Rosie Gomez left the Commission, there was an attempt to contact her office in Asbury but no contact was made. An email was sent to four local NAACP groups. Two of the emails bounced back. One of which, the Freehold

group, Carolyn agreed to follow up on seeing as how she is a member. The remaining two that went through were to the Greater Red Bank and Asbury NAACP groups. Meetings with the Greater Red Bank's representative, and Asbury's Adrienne Sanders will be arranged. It was also suggested that we email Keith Kravitzksy of the Holocaust Center as we used to have members representing that group.

- B. **Communications-** John Schwebel reported that those involved are continuing to get orientated with the Facebook group. Also, John is working on having the announcements put on the web page.
 - C. **Incident Response and Reporting-** Linda reviewed that the hotline number to report incidents is online (732-303-7666) and any calls are fielded in Charlie Brown's office to be sent to the commission member in charge. Linda asked prospective member, Julian to consider taking this position. She also mentioned that the hotline's purpose may present concerns to become problems with law enforcement.
- VII. **Unfinished Business**
- A. Bylaws need to be passed at general meeting.
- VIII. **New Business**
- A. David Damico at the Prosecutor's office sent municipal officers to Simon Wiesenthal Center in New York who lost funding. They are aiming to get funding for for the NJ bullying law controversy that will designate an anti-bullying officer to every district and every school building. There will be a training meeting next month that Jeff, Linda, and David plan to attend to consider it as a potential project for the Commission to work on as a whole. Jeff referred to an article in the New York Times that addressed the law and exposed previously existing affirmative action officers prior to the passing of the law and that aspect of the law is to make people take the stand against bullying more seriously. Linda also pointed out that this law will require more training for staff in addition to the anti-bullying coordinator. The Wiesenthal Center will likely go into the bias associated with these issues.
 - B. David commented on the Commission's budget saying that the current balance is good until December and questioned what the money will be used for. Future expenses will include the upcoming Youth Awareness Workshop and purchases for the Teasley Award. A meeting to address the budget will be held at the Presbyterian Church House in Shrewsbury prior to the Youth Awareness meeting then Jeff will meet with Mr. Brown to get paperwork about the budget for this year.
- IX. **Calendar**
- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 7, 2011
 - C. Next Full Commission Meeting: October 3, 2011
- X. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by Kendall Baldwin, Secretary