

**MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2014 3:30-5:00PM
Agriculture Building Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728**

Attendance: Jeff Delaney, Mary Lee Gilmore, Darryl Hughes, Angel Quiles, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Sherri West

- I. The Call to Order was followed by the Salute to the Flag.**
- II. The November 2013 Meeting minutes were accepted without corrections.**
- III. Treasurer's Report – Sondra was not able to be at the meeting, but sent an updated report with a few additional expenses included. She has sent the 2014 budget request to Joe Annecharico, who is filling in during Charles Brown's medical absence, and we are awaiting the County's approval. See the attached report.**
- IV. Standing Committees and Support Teams**
 - A. Membership - no report.**
 - B. Communications – Carolyn reported that a press release for the Teasley Award is in the works, and John reported a fee of \$135 to maintain the website.**
 - C. Incident Response and Reporting – The Bias Response Protocol Ad-Hoc Committee, consisting of Darryl, Danny Weiss, and Jeff Delaney will meet to develop a statement for the March Executive meeting. Carolyn suggested that the ad hoc committee consider procedure to aid in the formation of municipal human relations committees, and a discussion about the role of town committees and maintaining those that are in existence took place, and the topic was suggested as a future meeting of the Commission. Darryl suggested drafting a letter supporting the continuation of municipal committees along with requesting information from those municipalities with existing committees, and Carolyn and John will draft the letter. Mary Lee Gilmore also agreed to help.**
 - D. Resource Development – no report.**
- V. Unfinished Business**
 - A. Earl T. Teasley Humanitarian Award Information – Pastor Terrence Porter has been notified and has accepted the award, to be presented on Monday, February 3, 2014, and Carolyn will prepare a press release as well as inviting local dignitaries and guests. Darryl will send out information as to the location within the week and Sherri is working on the engraving of the lanterns and coordinating the presentation with Pat Collum and Rev. Pierce.**
 - B. Future Workshop on Fair Housing Issues Discussion – a brief discussion of planning an upcoming meeting took place, with Frank Vespa-Papaleo**

addressing the Commission. Mary Lee Gilmore suggested that the April 7th Full Commission meeting would be a possibility as it is Fair Housing Month. Carolyn will reach out to him to see if he is available on that date and Mary Lee Gilmore will contact her board to participate.

- C. Update on 2014 Project Proposal on Veterans Services - Angel has discussed the workshop with both Sondra and Darryl, and now feels that the issue should be postponed or replaced with another of the topics unless the issue of veterans' families is discussed.
- D. Review of the Police Academy Workshop evaluations and location of future workshops – The Executive Committee will review the evaluations and present a brief summary of lessons learned at the next meeting.
- E. Youth Interfaith Initiative Update- no update.
- F. Change Big Read Update – Sherri West updated the committee with the grant proposal to be submitted at the end of January and, if the grant is received, the programs taking place in the fall.

VI. New Business

- A. Future dialogue on race and community outreach as a response to the Trayvon Martin case – a discussion took place about the ways the Commission can address issues related to race that are of importance to Monmouth County, with several suggestions about specific programs put forth by members present. More input from Commission members will be sought in future meetings.

VII. Adjournment took place at 5:10PM.

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary.