

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2014, 3:30 – 5:00PM

Agriculture Building

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Jeff Delaney, Mary Lee Gilmore, Darryl Hughes, Ted Lee, Rev. Ricky Pierce, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Sherri West, Linda Zucaro

- I. The Call to Order was followed by the Salute to the Flag at 3:35PM.**
- II. Approval of August 2014 Meeting Minutes – Carolyn moved and Darryl seconded, with the minutes approved unanimously.**
- III. Treasurer’s Report – no report.**
- IV. Standing Committees and Support Teams**
 - a. Membership – Linda reported that no new member applications as of yet, but is hoping that the open house will result in new applications.**
 - b. Communications – Please send information that will be sent to members of the public to Carolyn for approval.**
 - c. Incident Response reporting – Nothing to report as the committee has to meet to discuss ongoing issues.**
 - d. Resource Development –no report.**
- V. Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning for the Open House– Linda summarized earlier discussions to invite like-minded community groups in Monmouth County to a meeting to discuss issues of interest to them. There is now a draft invitation and a list of groups to invite is being compiled. Linda made four suggestions for the meeting: determine a date, time, place; compile a list of community invitees; develop an invitation; and setting the agenda for the program, to be determined by Darryl. Linda proposed the Executive Committee meeting date of March 2 at the regular time (3:30PM) or the April meeting (April 13) in the evening (7:00PM), preferably at the Neptune location. Linda will contact Sondra to see if the facility is available at that time.**

She also thought a town meeting format would draw more discussion. As to the list of invitees, the aim is to include a variety of community groups throughout Monmouth County, such as different cultural groups, human relations-oriented groups, language and ethnic groups, as well as religious groups. Darryl and Rev. Pierce will edit the church groups prepared by Inderjit, and asks anyone to send groups they think should be included to Darryl by the November meeting (Please include the name and contact information for the group).

Darryl suggested creating an online survey to solicit information from groups that can't send representatives to the meeting, as well as using other sorts of social media. Carolyn is willing to send out a PSA message to media outlets and perhaps even pay for an ad. Linda will rework the letter of invitation and send to the members attending for their comments.

As to the approach or agenda for the meeting, a diversity get-together and a discussion of what to do at the meeting took place. Possible questions might include—What are the major issues relating to human relations that your group faces? What should a county human relations committee deal with? The list, letter, and agenda will be finalized at the November meeting. Linda suggested forming a committee of five people to address the letters.

- b. November Human Rights Conference – A discussion of sending members to the event took place. Linda, Carolyn seconded, Motion to send up to two people to the conference and it was approved. Sherri will send out a special appeal for members, letting her know by Oct. 15th, for attendance and reporting back at the December meeting.
- c. Big Read Events Publicity – Sherri mentioned some of the events that have been organized, and encouraged members to register for them at the following link:
<http://www.change.org/voicefrontpage.html>

- d. Linda mentioned her attendance at a workshop sponsored by Like-Minded organizations (Monmouth Center for World Religion and Ethical Thought). MOSAIC will start this month, www.interfaith-mcwret.org, and we are a co-sponsor.
- VI. New Business:**
- a. Earl Teasley Award Nominations – The committee consists of Darryl Hughes, Rosa Lee, and Sondra Cannon, and they will be sent the list of criteria by Carolyn. Nominations need to be submitted to all three, then the committee will select, with intent to present at the February meeting.

VI. Adjournment at 4:58PM.

Submitted by: Sherri West, Secretary