

Monmouth County Human Relations Commission

Full Commission Meeting

Tuesday December 8, 2015

Agriculture Building

4000 Kozloski Road

Freehold, New Jersey 07728

Attendance: Mary Lee Gilmore, Sherri West, Rev. Ricky Pierce Sr., Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Nina Anderson, Robert Williams, Jeff Delaney, Manuel Castillo, Darry Hughes.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by the Chair Jeff Delaney this was followed by the salute to the flag.

Motion to approve the October 2015 minutes, Rev. Ricky Pierce, Sr. and seconded by Carolyn Schwebel. [No minutes exist for this October special meeting; notes to be written up for documentation.]

There was no treasurer's report.

Standing Committees

Communications: Carolyn Schwebel submitted a completed application for membership approval from Ron Sopenoff. Carolyn Schwebel motion to accept, this was seconded by Sherri West. There were no objections. Motion carried.

Applications on request will be mailed to the members who submit substitute or alternate members to join/attend the commission meetings from their agencies.

John Schwebel: The 2016 Monmouth County Human Relations Commission meeting calendar approved and is listed on the commission website.

Chairman John Delaney suggested the commission begin to have structured programs at each meeting to promote interest and increase attendance. Further discussion deferred to the January executive committee meeting.

No Reports:

Incident Committee

Resource Development

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Future Programming “Divided We Fall” film and discussion.

Presentation and updates from Linda Zacarro and Sherri West rescheduled for the January meeting regarding the film and CChange for the Big Read in 2016.

Teasely Humanitarian Award: Carolyn Schwebel

Discussion scheduled for the January meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to prepare for the presentation on Homelessness in Monmouth County. The Chair introduced Mrs. Talisa Kelly, Monarch Housing Associations.

Mrs. Kelly’s lecture was very enlightening as she started with a power point presentation that illustrated the statistical data for overall understanding of the Monarch’s strategies to tackle and reduce homelessness. Through her presentation we experienced first-hand awareness/realization on the predicament of the homelessness in Monmouth County. Mrs. Kelly has extensive experience in working with community stakeholders on homelessness planning activities. She also emphasized as an associate of Monarch’s homelessness team she guides communities through the process and is currently developing a 10 year plan to end homelessness and as of today (she proudly stated) she and her teams have within the past 3 years completed 3 community plans to end homelessness. Mrs. Kelly is confident that with additional community forthcoming presentations the outlook is optimistic to end long-lasting homelessness in Monmouth County. After her presentation Mrs. Kelly accepted questions and comments. The presentation was well received by the members as indicated by the applause.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Submitted for approval

Mary Lee Gilmore

Secretary