

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Monday March 6, 2017 3:30 – 5:00PM

Agriculture Building

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attendance: Linda Zucaro, Jeff Delaney, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Ricky Pierce, Robert Williams, Chris Decker, Ronald Sopenoff, Patrick Collum, Sherri West, Jeffrey Schwartz, Rosa Lee, Sondra Cannon, Darryl Hughes, John Curley, Fatima Jaffari.

Guests: Sonia Quiles, Stephanie Ayers, Renee Harris, Brigit Mondesir, Joya Anderson, Terrence K. Porter - all from Pilgrim Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 pm and followed by the salute to the flag. The minutes of the January and February commission meetings were approved.

Introductions were made all around with a special welcome to guests from Pilgrim Baptist Church who were in attendance to show their support of the existence of the commission, appreciation of the importance of the work it can do and a willingness to participate.

The regular order of business was suspended in favor of further discussion on the fate of the commission. Many points raised in the three previous meetings' discussion were reiterated and suggestions were made as to loosening the formalities of membership and meeting procedures, specific areas of endeavor in which the Commission might be active and generally how to proceed. Rev. Porter specifically offered an opportunity at the Monmouth County Interfaith Prayer Breakfast to introduce the newly revamped commission to the broader community. The breakfast - second annual - will be held on May 17.

The question was then called on the motion stated at the February meeting as to whether the commission should continue albeit under a new framework. The secretary requested a roll call ballot for clarity. The vote was 10 in favor, 1 opposed, and four abstentions.

Sherri West volunteered to put together a proposed framework in time for our next meeting, April 3. Several members agreed to assist.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Linda Zucaro, Acting Secretary