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Monmouth County Human Relations Full Commission  
Minutes May 1, 2017  
AIG Building

Attendance attached

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 by the chair Jeff Delaney and followed by the salute to the flag. The minutes of the April 1, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Rosa Lee Communications- no report  
Incident Committee- no report  
Resource and Development committee- no report

The chair acknowledged the death of long time member John Schwebel, and Chair Jeff Delaney discussed the creation of an award honoring both Carolyn and John Schwebel for their work with people with disabilities. The motion to do so was approved and more specific plans will be announced at a future meeting.

Approval of new members followed. Nicole Peguese, Joya Anderson, and Stephanie Ayers. There were no objections. Motion to accept the new members by Sherri West and seconded by Rosa Lee.

Sherri West presented the Earl Teasley Award recipient, Gilda Rogers, long-time community activist, who, among her achievements, is spearheading the renovation of the T. Thomas Fortune House in Red Bank, and is the Co-Chair of the Citizens for a More Open and Diverse Society. The resume was read by Brigit Mondesir, one of her nominators, and voted on by the membership. The award will be presented at the June meeting.

**Prayer Breakfast**

The Monmouth County Human Relations Commission will partner with the Pilgrim Baptist Church at the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast May 17<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Brookdale Community College. The Commission will reimburse three members to attend the breakfast. Commission brochures and materials will be distributed, and Mary Lee Gilmore will make a presentation at the gathering.

**Darryl Hughes Presentation**

Monmouth County Human Relations Restructure Suggestions-Plan distributed for discussion  
Darryl Hughes continued the review of suggestions to update and finalize the restructure of the commission. General discussion followed with each member submitting additional recommendations. Various ideas were discussed and the members present will seek methods to increase programs to inspire attendance and public awareness. It was decided that the commission is important to Monmouth County. Freeholder John Curley will contact the county attorney to update the commission's by-laws, seek advice and review the legal responsibilities of the commission.

Further discussion on the restructure proposals at the next commission meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Minutes recorded by Mary Lee Gilmore in the absence of the secretary