

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING of JUNE 12, 2017

Attendance: Ronan Neumann, Linda Zucaro, MaryLee Gilmore, Sherri West, Birgit Mondesir, Sonia Quiles, Ricky Pierce, Sondra Cannon, Jeff Delaney, Nina Anderson, Ron Sopenoff, Rosa Lee, John Curley, Darryl Hughes. (List attached) Numerous guests attending the Teasley recognition.

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm., followed by the Salute to the Flag.

The minutes of the May 1 meeting, submitted by MaryLee Gilmore, were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report (attached) presented by Sondra Cannon shows a current balance of \$1080. out of the County's allocation of \$1600. A motion was approved to honor \$12 additional dollars to MOSAIC (total \$412.) (Anderson, West).

Two of the Standing Committees reported. Membership - Sonia Quiles was approved for membership (Zucaro, Mondesir). Communications - Linda Zucaro reporting for Carolyn Schwebel - all press releases were sent out for the Teasley award. Joya Anderson has agreed to work on the Web site but has asked for some help in technical aspects of our electronic presence on the Web.

Under Unfinished Business, reports were brief due to the priority of the Teasley presentation. Sherri West announced transitional plans for the summer as the Commission hopes to be in full operating mode by the September meeting. Until that time, the officers serving will be: Chair - Sherri West, Vice Chair - Linda Zucaro, Secretary - Renee Harris, and Treasurer - Sondra Cannon. The next two meetings will be full Commission meetings devoted to finalizing the structure and functioning of the Commission going forward. They will take place from 7 - 8:30 pm on Monday July 10 and August 7. The meetings will be held at the Church House at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury, 352 Sycamore Ave., Shrewsbury, NJ. Any suggestions for the transition or the new structure and functioning of the Commission should be sent to Sherri West.

Ron Sopenoff reported on the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast which he and two other members attended. He commented that we should upgrade our handouts for future presentations. He also mentioned two ideas for future discussion which he gleaned from the session. And finally that Pilgrim Baptist is looking for a new sponsor to sustain this event going forward.

Renee Harris gave a presentation to Neptune HS students on hate/bias along with MCHRC members, Stephanie Ayers, Joya Anderson, Nichoele Peguese, and Birgit Mondesir, and has been invited to present again in the fall. This presentation and involvement of additional members will also be discussed at our summer meetings.

Our participation at Super Safe Summer in Asbury Park on June 24 is being coordinated by Joya Anderson with the assistance of Rosa Lee. Additional member participation is being solicited.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm for the Teasley award presentation.

Submitted by Linda Zucaro