

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 3, 2018 3:30 – 5:00 PM
Pilgrim Baptist Church, 172 Shrewsbury Ave., Red Bank, NJ 07701

Attendance: Attending: Darryl Hughes, Jeff Schwartz, Sonia Quiles, Sean Atterbury, Ricky Pierce, Tom Walsh, Stephanie Ayers, Birgit Mondesir, Jen Fluharty, Linda Zucaro, Pat Collum, Nina Anderson. Sherri West by phone.

I. Darryl Hughes, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:34PM, followed by the Salute to the Flag.

II. Business Meeting:

A. Treasurer's Report: Rev. Ricky Pierce, Treasurer, said he has a voucher to submit, but that the present balance is \$1375. Jeff Schwartz said the new budget will be finalized in early 2019, but he thought it would be similar to the amount the Commission received in 2018, around \$1500.

B. Committee Reports:

Police and Community Relations-Report on some initiatives on East side of Mon. County, headed by Lyddale Akins, were mentioned, along with the two forums that the MCHRC has partnered. Birgit mentioned that the East side is not looped into the process, so asked if that could be an initiative going forward. Outreach to Chris Decker to make sure that Manalapan and Freehold Boro are part of the process. They will continue to work with Prosecutors Office and hopes for additional training on bias with middle school students.

Program Committee: Three planned and executed in 2018 (not counting Teasley program) including—Chris Decker (Feb); Immigration (Mar); Teasley (June), Police & Community/Bias (Sept)

Communications—Sean, messages up to date, website up to date.

Education—no report.

III. Future of the MCHRC Discussion:

A. Extensive discussion on the future of the Commission ensued. Sherri West explained her reasons for stepping down as Chair, and Birgit Mondesir agreed to step up to lead for the foreseeable future. Several members agreed to help with speaking to groups of young people.

B. Points made about future direction included: network with existing local Human Relations commissions, perhaps inviting them to a gathering, be vigilant with regard to things happening in the County, serve as a network for information sharing (Sherri West agreed to continue her emails), stress bias training at the middle school level, and maybe even younger, consider a formal report to the Freeholders.

C. It was agreed to participate with Pilgrim in their MLK Jr. program in January. It will include a discussion on the Golden Rule.

D. Future Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 4 (Monday), at Pilgrim Baptist Church, from 3:30-5:00PM.

E. Recognition of other (Pat Collum): Jules, John, Mary Lee, Sherri)

IV. Announcements:

A. In Memoriam-Julius Ramsey, and perhaps a plaque or statement or certificate to the family (Birgit) and should include John Schwebel—what's appropriate, tabled until later discussion.

B. MLK Birthday Celebration (Jan 2019) discussion on the "The Golden Rule" and it's relevance to the commission.

V. Adjournment

Submitted by Linda Zucaro and Sherri West