

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Commission Meeting
Monday, February 4, 3:30 – 5:00 PM
Pilgrim Baptist Church, 172 Shrewsbury Ave, Red Bank, NJ

Attendance: Pat Collum, Ted Lee, Birgit Mondesir, Ricky Pierce, Sonia Quiles, Tom Walsh, Sherri West, Linda Zucaro

I. The Call to Order and Salute to the Flag – Birgit led the call to order and salute to the flag, followed by a brief announcement that there would be no leadership election for now, but that Birgit will be the temporary Chair, along with help from Stephanie Ayers and others.

II. Business/Committee Reports

A. Approval of December's Minutes – The December meeting minutes were approved with one correction to the Treasurer's Report, noted below.

B. Treasurer's Report: Rev. Pierce presented the report, correcting the December minutes to reflect a balance of \$1275.00. There are two vouchers outstanding, and the plaques honoring members were ordered and paid for in January. See the February Treasurer's Report attached.

C. Communication Report: (IT- Sean) –Sean was not present at the meeting, but he and Birgit, as well as others on the Commission, discussed the need for changes to the MCHRC website, an update to the Facebook page, and attention to other social media outlets. See the attached MCHRC Information Committee Report for more specific information. Ricky Pierce will monitor the domain name/payments in the future and Birgit will speak with Sean about maintaining the website and social media sites.

D. Police & Community Committee: Stephanie Ayers/Birgit Mondesir

A discussion of the recent meeting held on January 19, Partnering with Pilgrim on MLK Community Conversation, then took place. Birgit reported that between 50 and 75 people were in attendance, and that the "Golden Rule" conversation that Dr. King made a centerpiece of his message prevailed. There were several MCHRC members that served as facilitators and in the approximately 3 ½ hr. discussion, not only was the food excellent, as offered by Tom Walsh, MCHRC member and liaison to the Monmouth County Police, but that it did meet its goals of benefitting those in attendance. In turn, Tom Walsh mentioned the participation of various Chiefs of Police in the program, and his desire to report in the future about the Force Report, recently issued by the NJ Attorney General, and recommended future meetings on this issue.

E. Education Committee: Renee Harris/Nichole Peguese/Joya Anderson—No report was given, but this committee has been tasked with the September meeting. A discussion ensued as to possible venues for future meetings, and those with suggestions for such are asked to contact Birgit with information about the venues, including costs, and other pertinent information. In related discussion, Sonia Quiles offered to clean out the files at Human Services in case there are any publicity materials that can be used by the Commission.

F. Future Meeting Dates & Related Events for 2019:

1. June 3 (Monday) - 3:30 pm (venue & funds- TBA)
Teasley Humanitarian Award & Posthumous Awards Ceremony
Deadline for nominations: April 1, 2019
Send nominations to Ricky Pierce, Chair: pierce_ricky@yahoo.com, who will work with fellow committee members, and other members of the committee for this year are Ted Lee, Tom Walsh, Stephanie Ayers, and Carolyn Schwebel.

Pat Collum- Report on plaques ordered & purchased to honor the service of Julius Ramsey, John Schwebel, and Mary Lee Gilmore. Pat also offered to prepare the Evite and other related publicity for the event. The Programs Committee (Rosa Lee, Nina Anderson, Linda Zucaro, Sonia Quiles, Sherri West) will be in charge of planning the program, and Ricky Pierce will order the lantern to be presented to the Teasley Awardee. A planning meeting of these members will take place on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 3:30, the venue to be announced.
2. September 9 (Monday) – (time and venue to be determined)
Organize a Back-To-School Event
Education Committee in charge
3. December 9 (Monday) - (time and venue to be determined)
Year-end report
All committees contribute

G. Announcements- Upcoming Events

Birgit had prepared copies of the various events taking place for African-American History Month, and these were shared with those present, as well as distributed via the email list. She asked that all members that wish to share events contact Sherri West (sherriwest4@gmail.com) with upcoming events.

III. Adjournment

Submitted by: Sherri West

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Treasurer's Report

Year 2018 Budget Allocation	\$1500.00
Vouchers Submitted Re: (1) Greater Red Bank Women's Initiative "Bias, Prejudice, & Stereotyping: How Do They Affect Us?" – Rental Fee	(\$75.00)
(2) Honorarium – Dave D'Amico	<u>(150.00)</u>
Balance @December 3, 2018	\$1275.00

Note: There are outstanding vouchers to be submitted that will be applied to the Year 2018's Budget Allocation.

Year 2019 Budget Allocation has not been approved as of today. It is estimated that it will be same as last year's which was \$1,500.00

**Submitted by: Ricky Pierce
February 4,, 2019**