

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
Full Commission Meeting

Monday, April 4, 2011 3:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
AG Building Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

Attending: Phil Smith, Mark Kinmon, Linda Zucaro, Sherri West, Jeff Delaney, Darryl Breckenridge, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Pat Collum, John Sorrentino, Rosa Lee, Fatima Jaffari, Angel Quiles.

- I. Call to Order – The salute to the Flag was followed by member introductions.
- II. Approval of February 7, 2011 minutes, motion accepted and approved.
- III. Chair’s Report – A brief conversation with MCHRC Bob Williams reminded Carolyn that April marks the first anniversary of Earl’s death, and the 43rd commemoration of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They discussed how different life for all of us would have been if Dr. King had not been born, leading Carolyn to comment on the need to think about families and friends, and to cherish them, as life is short.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Phil reported no changes in the accounts after disbursing \$92.29 and closed out the bank account. Any expenses now will be vetted through Human Services.
- V. Core Team Reports
 - A. Youth Awareness – Linda reported on the cancellation of the last meeting and the April 1st workshop, but noted that the team identified the theme of “Is it Hate Speech or Trash Talk?” The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Presbyterian Church in Shrewsbury to plan for the fall workshop and to work on the second project, establishing Human Relations club in area schools. Five different schools have been approached, but there are no definitive results to date.
 - B. Police Community Relations - Angel Quiles volunteered to chair the team at the present time, which overjoyed the membership present, and Linda will help Angel reactivate the committee.
- VI. Standing Committees & Support Teams
 - A. Membership
 1. An application from Chief John Sorrentino, Sea Bright, was received and distributed to all members prior to the meeting. In his remarks Chief Sorrentino said he was encouraged to join after speaking with Chief Breckenridge and Joan Brearley, and expressed his desire to join the group. Jeff Delaney moved and Phil Smith seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
 2. Chief Mark Kinmon, Asbury Park, was reinstated as a member, after he spoke now having the time to participate more actively. He is currently working with Linda Ortiz, Department of Justice, and several of these projects are in sync with those of the Commission, along with his work to establish a Human Rights Club in Asbury Park. Linda Zucaro moved to reinstate Mark Kinmon, seconded by Pat Collum, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Communications – Carolyn reported that a young student contacted the committee in hopes of making a video about the Commission. Members of Youth Awareness contacted him but there is no further report of any progress on this project at this time. Randy Thompson and Kendall Baldwin have been working on a Facebook page.
- C. Incident Response and Reporting – Linda reported three calls to IRR, one from a young woman calling from the mental health ward of Monmouth Medical Center, and Linda (through Dave D’Amico) was able to give the women answers to her questions; the parent of a youngster in Middletown complained that her son, who has Asperger’s, is being bullied by one of the school professional, which, again led Linda to Jeff Delaney at the Department of Education, and Jeff reported that the matter has been resolved; a parent of an adult man looking into a group home, got into an altercation, police summoned, a series of hospital visits ensued, with additional bureaucratic issues, and eventually Linda referred her to the New Jersey Bar Association.
- D. Resource Development - Kay was not able to be present, but is asking for the whereabouts of the MCHRC banner.
- E. Immigration Working Group – nothing to report.
- F. Reorganization Group – Sondra Cannon and her group are looking into reorganization, but will remain with the present one until such time as a new report and discussion take place.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Nominations Committee report – Bob Williams, Chair, was not able to attend, but the nominations from the committee were reported as follows: Chair, Jeff Delaney; Vice Chair, Sherri West; Secretary, Kendall Baldwin; Treasurer, Inderjit Sawhney.
- B. Monmouth County Fair – Phil commented that the main decision we need to make is to decide whether to participate. Linda commented that we would prefer to have our own table, or share a booth with the Prosecutor’s Office. A letter was sent to the Prosecutor’s Office and asked the members if we should reintroduce this letter to Prosecutor Warshaw, making sure could fully staff our booth. Linda moved that we investigate sharing a booth with the Prosecutor, including finding out costs and obligations. Phil will work with the Sawhneys as a committee to get participation from the membership. Linda agreed to approach the Prosecutor’s Office. Chief Breckenridge will follow up with a telephone call to Prosecutor Warshaw. An inventory of items to hand out will be presented at next month’s meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Sherri mentioned programs taking place at Brookdale in April on Conflict Resolution and Novel Brookdale, and Dave D’Amico will participate in one of the workshops.
- B. Phil Smith reported that Cecilia Reynolds had to resign from the Commission due to ill health and asked members to think of her and her past association with the Commission, and to wish her a speedy recovery.
- C. The American Legion in Neptune is having an 89th birthday celebration in late April, and Phil urged people to attend.

- D. The American Council on Diversity will take place on April 28th, with the MCHRC being one of the honorees. Our representatives will be Kendall Baldwin and Randy Thompson, and Rose Lee will also be in attendance.
- E. Fatima reported on a three- faith tour in Freehold on April 3, 2011, that it was well- attended, and that more are being planned.

VIII. Calendar

- A. Next Executive Committee Meeting –May 2, 2011 3:30 p.m.
- B Next Full Commission Meeting: June 6, 2011

VIII. Adjournment at 4:45PM.

Submitted by Sherri West, Secretary