

# **MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Executive Committee/Full Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 3:30–5:00PM**

**Agriculture Building**

**4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Attendance: Sondra Cannon, Mary Lee Gilmore, Darryl Hughes, Ricky Pierce, Jeff Schwartz, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Sherri West, Robert Williams. Guests: Ron Sopenoff, Professor Emeritus, Brookdale Community College, Lori Linskey, Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor, Monmouth County**

- I. The call to order was followed by the salute to the flag by Chair Darryl Hughes at 3:35PM.**
- II. The July 2015 Executive minutes were approved with Sondra Cannon making a motion to approve the minutes, and seconded by Carolyn Schwebel.**
- III. Treasurer's Report – Sondra distributed the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$1762.81, with no expenditures this month. She received an invoice for the tee-shirts, but is awaiting further clarification before acting on the expenditure.**
- IV. Standing Committees and Support Teams**
  - A. Membership - Ron Sopenoff, a prospective member, introduced himself and discussed his interest in working with the corrections institutions in the reforms that have been proposed for prison to college. Carolyn suggested that Ron email her and she will send a membership packet.**
  - B. Communications – Publicity on the Oct. 5th Diversity Dialogue was discussed, with about 90 different contacts receiving invitations.**
  - C. Incident Response and reporting – no report.**
  - D. Resource Development - Badge and Tee-Shirt Selection – John distributed a sample of the tee-shirt design, and mentioned that approximately 18 members have responded with their sizes. He plans to order extra-large for the remaining number (30) for a total cost of \$298.00. They should be ready for the October meeting. As for the MCHRC badges, members are encouraged to use the already existing business card, and John will purchase transparent holders for them.**

## **V. Unfinished Business**

- A. Continued Planning for the Fall Diversity Program - Darryl distributed a timeline and format for the program, and asked members to send the link or bring articles on unconscious bias to the meeting. (Get a copy of the program from Darryl). The group discussed the format and gave suggestions to Darryl to firm up the program. Mary Lee Gilmore and Sherri West will handle refreshments. Both guests Ron Sopenoff and Lori Linskey offered suggestions on people the Commission might reach out to as panelists. Darryl plans to finalize the program and speakers in the next week so that additional publicity can be developed and distributed. Robert Williams suggested that, should Father Mirella not be available, that he be asked to recommend alternatives, and Ricky Pierce also gave a recommendation for alternatives. (Get program for the minutes). Darryl will copy the program, and Sherri and John will supply the MCHRC brochures and nametags.**
- b. December Program on Homelessness – no updates, but Jeff Schwartz suggested announcing mentioning it at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and putting it on the program.**

## **VI. New Business - none**

## **VII. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 4:23PM.**

## **FULL COMMISSION MEETING**

- I. Election of Officers by Paper Ballot – one written ballot by acclamation was developed to satisfy our bylaws. With no nominations from the floor, Darryl announced the slate below, and the ballot was unanimously approved by acclamation.**

**The Officers are as follows:**

**Chairman - Jeff Delaney**

**Vice Chair - Sherri West**

**Treasurer- Sondra Cannon**

**Secretary - Mary Lee Gilmore**

**Submitted by: Sherri West**