

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Monday, March 7, 2016, 3:30–5:00PM

Agriculture Building

4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attendance: Sondra Cannon, Jeff Delaney, Thomas C. Huth, Darryl Hughes, Rosa Lee, Jeff Schwartz, Carolyn Schwebel, John Schwebel, Sherri West, Linda Zucaro

- I. The Call to Order was followed by the Salute to the Flag at 3:35PM.**
- II. The approval of the November 2015 and January 2016 Executive meeting minutes was followed by discussion of the need to still approve the August and October Full Commission minutes, which can only be done at a Full Commission meeting. Therefore, the August and October minutes will be voted on for approval at the April 5th meeting. A request was made to have all members sent the announcements of upcoming meetings.**
- III. Treasurer's Report – The budget for the Commission is still pending Freeholder approval, which should take place on March 24th. Sondra stated that a reimbursement cannot be processed until the budget is approved, but urged all members with purchase authorizations to have all paperwork ready so that they can be processed once the 2016 budget is approved.**
- IV. Standing Committees and Support Teams**
 - a. Membership – 2015 member attendance review – It was decided to hold a final vote on those members whose attendance in the past year has been delinquent. Names are being solicited for future membership by Linda Zucaro.**
 - b. Communications – Carolyn mentioned that April 1st is the deadline for all submissions for the Earl Teasley Humanitarian Award, to be given at the June Full Commission meeting. To date, the committee has received two nominations.**

- c. **Incident Response and reporting – Jeff stated that the hotline had received one call, to which he responded, but he has not gotten a response from the caller. A review of the Hotline protocol ensued.**
- d. **Resource Development – Annual Calendar – Appeals to members to send all Commission related events to Rosa Lee for publication was made. John Schwebel will investigate the costs of post-its to publicize the Commission’s work and for distribution at community events.**

V. Unfinished Business

- a. **Future Programming: “Divided We Fall” program on Tuesday, April 5th, 2016, 7:00-9:00PM at Brookdale Community College. Approval was given to fund refreshments at the event, and Sherri West will work with Chhange, a co-sponsor of the event, to finalize refreshments and the publicity for the event. A brief business meeting will take place at 6:30PM in the Navesink Room, Student Life Center, where the evening program will also take place. Members are requested to be present promptly at 6:30 for the meeting.**
- b. **Earl Teasley Humanitarian Award – Two nominations have been presented to the committee, and they will present the information on all nominations at the April meeting.**

VI. New Business

- a. **August program – A discussion of possible topics was held—Linda Zucaro presented two ideas, one dealing with hate and extremism, and the other, highlighting the MOSAIC interfaith program now underway in Monmouth County. Other suggestions were a focus on the racial divide in Monmouth Country, mental health issues and bias, and the socio-economic divide in Monmouth Country. Members are encouraged to contribute other ideas or speaker suggestions, and these will be discussed and a program topic selected at the May Executive Committee meeting.**
- b. **Linda Zucaro has been in touch with the New Jersey Human Relations Council, which presently, has no Monmouth County representatives. A brief discussion took place as to whether the Commission should make a stronger connection with them for the purposes of sharing publicity about upcoming events and**

collaboration. Linda announced a NJHRC conference on Policing in the Community. Members are encouraged to let Linda know your thoughts on forging a stronger relationship.

c. Announcements

- 1. Darryl Hughes reported on the Conference on Minority Males, held on Feb. 19th at Brookdale Community College as an example of the positive meeting that works, like that of the Commission, to counteract bias. He used the conference as an example that might stimulate our collaboration with other groups to forward our mission.**
- 2. Chhange at Brookdale is introducing a new exhibit on April 10, 2016, on education about racism.**
- 3. Darryl received an invitation to participate in a United Nations workshop on unconscious bias as a result of the publicity in the Atlanticville on the October 2015 meeting.**
- 4. There will be an April 9th Meridian event supporting health services for the hard-of-hearing: In partnership with the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Neptune High School, the wellness fair will feature health screenings and education workshops. ASL interpreters and CART provided. For additional information call 1-800-560-9990.**

VII. Adjournment took place at 5:10PM

Submitted by: Sherri West, Acting Secretary