

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Full Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 6:30 – 9:00PM

Brookdale Community College

Student Life Center

Attendance: Jeffrey Schwartz, Jeff Delaney, John Schwebel, Carolyn Schwebel, Rosa Lee, Linda Zucaro, Sherri West, Inderjit Sawhney, Charanjit Sawhney, Ron Sopenoff, Sondra Cannon, Robert Williams, Sami Elmansoury, Fatima Jaffari

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Jeff Delaney. As there was not an American flag visible, the salute to the flag was not done. Minutes from the August 2015, October 2015, and February 2016 commission meetings were approved having been electronically distributed by John Schwebel.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Sondra Cannon. County appropriation for 2016 is \$1950 and one disbursement of \$210.74 for website renewals and expenses has been made, leaving a current balance of \$1739.16. A further expense for post-it notes bearing commission information is pending. These will be used as hand-outs at future events.

Under membership, the following commission members, having missed at least four consecutive full commission meetings, were dropped from our roles: Fatima Jaffari, Phil Smith and Jan Sweeney. Several of these members have contributed significantly to the work of the Commission in the past and we are grateful for their contributions. (After adjournment, Fatima Jaffari arrived and remained for the program. She is therefore not dropped from our roles.)

Under communications, Carolyn Schwebel referenced the post-its and also reminded all that our annual Teasley award program will be held at the regular full Commission meeting on June 6. The Teasley committee has received two nominations and will soon announce the 2016 recipient.

There was no report under incident response and reporting.

Rosa Lee reminded all that we need relevant items for our calendar which she is compiling. Any event that provides an opportunity for us to explain anti bias and discrimination efforts to the greater community should be included. It appears the next opportunity for us will be the Gay Pride event in Asbury Park in early June provided we can get members to staff a booth.

Under Unfinished Business: the May Executive Committee meeting will decide the program for August in keeping with our aim to have meaningful programming at each Full Commission meeting. All are invited to participate in this decision. We had been invited to participate in a prayer breakfast program at Pilgrim Baptist Church in May but have had no further word.

Under New Business: the closing ceremony for this year's MOSAIC project will be held at Temple Shaari Emmeth in Manalapan on April 17, beginning at 3 PM and all are invited. A film/discussion on "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think" will be held at Brookdale on April 14 and all are invited to attend. Chhange announced several upcoming programs and distributed a flyer listing these to all attending this meeting and the program that followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. And all were encouraged to stay for the program "Divided We Fall" which was co-sponsored by Chhange and began shortly after 7 PM.

Submitted by Linda Zucaro