

**MONMOUTH COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
FULL COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, AUGUST 7, 2017**

**Attendance**

Linda Zucaro, Ron Sopenoff, Jeffrey Schwartz, Sherri West, Nichoele Peguese, Stephanie Ayers, Joya Anderson, Ted Lee

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm followed by the Salute to the Flag.

The minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, submitted by Linda Zucaro, were approved with the necessary corrections.

**Treasurer's report**

There have been no additional requests for expenditures, the balance remains at \$978.27 out of the county's allocation of \$1600. The paperwork for a \$358.84 expenditure has not been received from Patricia. Linda will reach out to Linda to follow through.

David Cohen, deceased, had asked for donations to be made in his name to the MCHRC; as such, donations were made totaling \$150. It must be determined if the funds can be allocated to the MCHRC budget, or if they have to be turned over to the County; Jeffrey will look into it. Thank you letters will be sent to the donors. Per Linda, MCHRC had an account at one time, and had control over it. At some point, the County stepped in and funded an annual stipend instead. Discussion ensued as to whether the funds from the County will be turned over to the Commission, or if they will be absorbed into the general fund. Per Ted Schwartz, the funds will be absorbed into the general fund. Ted will find out the status of the checks. The consensus of those present is to return the checks to the donors; Sherri will write a letter to the donors that we are not able to put them into our specific budget, suggesting they may wish to donate to another entity in David's name.

The possibilities and ramifications of becoming a 501c3 were discussed. Question: if we became a 501c3, would we still have the backing of the County? Answer: we would still have the services available, but not the funding. County staff personnel (Prosecutor's office, Brookdale, etc.) would not be required to attend meetings or participate with MCHRC.

**Unfinished Business**

Plans for restructure and outreach:

An updated membership list was passed around. After the new Bylaws are completed in October, all members will be emailed asking if they wish to continue as a member.

October Program Planning:

The 2018 calendar was discussed, with the dates agreed upon. Time and place of meetings will be discussed and solidified at a later meeting (October).

At the October meeting, the proposed agenda is:

Distributing the calendar

Selecting a Nominating Committee

Voting on the Bylaws

Program. The program will involve the immigrant question in Monmouth County, with a presentation from Casa Freehold, the NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice, and possibly an immigration attorney. The concern is that the Bylaws will take too much time to do it all at the same meeting. In response, the proposed bylaws will be sent to the Commission ahead of time, with a firm date to submit questions or changes. No additional changes will be entertained at the meeting; if there are no comments submitted ahead of time, the Bylaws will be adopted as is.

### **Announcements:**

The following upcoming events were announced:

- Racial Justice Project
- Art Program
- Black Lives Matter

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by Joya Anderson

**Monmouth County Human Relations Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**July 10, 2017**



<b>2017 Budget Allocation</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>Expenditure(s) submitted</b>	<b>(\$ 621.73)</b>
Interfaith Prayer Breakfast	(\$120.00)
Rosa Lee -Four attendees at \$30.00 per ticket	
Project MOSAIC	(\$417.84)
Trisa Krietzberg – (\$358.84)	
Linda Zucaro – (\$59.00)	
Teasley Humanitarian Award	(\$83.89)
Linda Zucaro – Programs, Engraving & Wrap	
<b>Balance as of 7/10/17</b>	<b>\$978.27</b>

Submitted by,

Sondra Cannon  
MCHRC Treasurer