

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
March 6, 2014

Present: Sam, Roland, Judy, Eric, Gabriel, and Chet

I. Approval of last month's minutes – moved, seconded and approved as written

II. Executive Director's Report

a) A YNN News reporter approached Eric to interview him about sentencing disparity in connection with a story about a young man in his early twenties who was given 16 years and a heavy fine for burglary. The reporter never followed up.

b) The young man's mother contacted Eric. He offered to meet with her but she didn't get back to him. It was decided that Eric should contact her again.

III. Executive Committee's Report

The Grahamsville Tri-Valley Elementary School presentation on bullying went well. But we were prevented from showing a short film about a young gay student and bullying. Judy spoke to the PTA liaison about doing a program to assist in creating a more inclusive community in the school by addressing parent's issues and concerns in an open dialogue.

IV. Issues Committee's Report

a) Sam brought up a concern about the sheriff's office instituting a prejudicial "If you see something, say something" program regarding a Muslim Camp.

b) Eric brought up a concern about a woman living in an apartment at Liberty Commons. She can't afford the rent and the management maintains that a smaller cheaper apartment is not available.

V. Outreach Committee's Report

It was agreed that Eric should send out a letter to school principals in Sullivan County offering the anti-bullying program.

VI. Old Business

a) The Second Annual Eileen Haworth Weil Scholarship Brunch scheduled for April 27 at The Eagle's Nest was discussed and Commissioners were urged to attend.

b) The swearing in of Catherine Iral and Chet Carlin will be arranged for the April Meeting. There will be an annual meeting in May.

VII. New Business - A strategic planning session is planned.

VIII. Public Comment – None

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00