

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Minutes

Present: Judy, Gabriel, Roland, Lorraine, Peggy

Also present: Executive Director, Eric Monroe

Guest: David Chavkin

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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Peggy made the motion to approve the September minutes with the following change:

III. C) Clarification of regulations regarding volunteers in the school: facilitators must have background checks if there are to be more than four meetings with students [or meetings are to be held] on an individual level.

All approved, motion passed.

Executive Director's Report

Sixty five people attended the presentation of the Spanish Heritage month awards at a legislative meeting on October 15. Gabriel felt it went very well.

Executive Committee Report

The Committee did not meet but is working on the anti-bullying school program facilitation training and the Everyday Democracy Grant. Judy is sending reminders to those interested in the anti-bullying training program. Eldred Central School is interested in a 9<sup>th</sup> grade assembly, which can be done with breakout groups to process information with facilitators. Cook Elementary School is interested in classroom sessions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Liberty Central School is interested in an assembly for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and classroom sessions for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Livingston Manor would like a written proposal or description of the program, which Judy will take care of.

Invitations have been sent out for the Everyday Democracy meeting to many people affiliated with various agencies and organizations around the county. There have already been a lot of positive responses. They will now go to town supervisors and legislators. The meeting will take place at the YMCA in Rock Hill from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Judy will be getting a contract to sign from Everyday Democracy.

Issues Committee Report

1. A landlord discrimination complaint; Eric referred individual to Jamie Samurel

2. Sex discrimination toward a male in a female-dominated County office; Eric will present complaint to EOO Officer for County, Linda Levine
3. IDEAL Snacks discrimination complaint; an in-house meeting with lawyers and the union will soon take place

#### Outreach Committee Report

Gabriel reported the presenters are ready for the November 5 Tenants' Rights Forum at the Ted Stroebel Facility. Eric will get a list of people to call who are waiting to get on Section 8. Eric and Gabriel have been posting flyers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.