

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, July 11, 2019

Present: Dayna, Dana, Sam, Marty, Mike, Bill, Judy, Kathie

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:36 p.m.
- II. Approval of June's minutes – all in favor of approval
- III. Director's Report
  - A. Issues: Five cases since the June meeting. Dana will meet with the Issues Committee at a time TBD.
  - B. World wide Human Rights Conference – June 24-25 – Very busy, very informative, too much to see everything.
  - C. GENDA Webinar – June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - D. Shannon Wong, Regional Director, NYCLU – June 28<sup>th</sup> – Informative, many tips and resources presented
  - E. Events
    1. Wurtsboro Founder's Day Street Fair – we will not be participating
    2. National Night Out – Aug. 6 – two locations: Morningside Park and Callicoon. Tables are needed for M.P.
    3. Monticello Bagel Fest – Aug. 11 – We have applied for a space but haven't heard yet.
  - F. Newsletter – First edition has been published on the county website. Everyone thinks it is excellent.
  - G. Promotional give-aways for events: Pens? Koozies? Crayons and HRC coloring books?
  - H. Digital Engagement

1. Bios and photos – commissioners should all submit to Dana as soon as possible
  2. Six new page likes in June; over 604 people reached with our posts
  3. Conversation with Rabbi Larry on July 17<sup>th</sup> in the Legislative Hearing Room from 3 – 4:30
- I. Workshops – Dana would like to attend, and they are available for any commissioner who would like to attend:
1. From Conflict to Collaboration: WNY Restorative Practices Conference – 10/26, from 8:30 – 3:30 in Rochester, \$50-85
  2. Peace Conference – Pope Francis on Peace – 10/1, 7-8 p.m.
  3. Know Your Rights (Train the Trainer Workshop) – 7/27, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., Haverstraw
  4. Undoing Racism, 8/9 -10, \$350.

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### A. Executive Committee

1. Policies, Rules and Procedures – Bill asked to go over the changes as a group. He wanted to know what was the reason to make changes? Marty and Judy said it is typical for organizations to periodically review Policies and Procedures. Bill didn't think we should limit public comment. Others disagreed and said it was typical for organizations to limit comment (not number of comments, but limit on an individual's time to speak). Bill thought we shouldn't say anything about changes in length of terms. The vote was called: 6 in favor, 1 abstention to approve changes to Policies and Procedures. They will be presented to the Legislature for approval.

2. HRC Award – Dayna suggested a post-humous award to Zaida Chasi. Marty asked how the commissioners feel about it. After discussion, Dayna made a motion to approve the award for Zaida; Marty seconded; all approved.

#### B. Outreach Committee

1. NAACP Juneteenth Fair – June 19<sup>th</sup> – low attendance
2. Liberty 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival – we gave away a case of toothbrushes, collected emails
3. Stonewall Celebration at Hurleyville Arts Center – July 27 from 6 – 11 p.m.
4. National Night Out – Aug. 6 – Callicoon and Fallsburg
5. Bagel Festival – Aug. 11 – Monticello
6. Hair Discrimination Event – Set for Sept. 6, but date needs to be changed.
7. Gender Equality – TBD
8. Planned Parenthood STD Forum collaboration – Do we want to attend and participate? It will be sometime in September. Details are in the works.

#### C. Other

1. Lights for Liberty will be held on July 12 in Liberty and Callicoon
2. Judy spoke to Scott Samuelson about FT Executive Director position. He said, “Make a proposal and say how it will save the county money.” We will update the proposal (originally drafted by Ari) and bring it to the committee. Next month’s is 8/8 at noon.
3. MBK’s BBQ was very successful. Many people came. . . Marty played baseball and was in the dancing contest.
4. Census meeting – Dana went and collected materials.
5. Volunteer flyers – we are getting people coming in and inquiring about volunteering.

V. Public Comment – none at this meeting

VI. Adjournment – 6:30