

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission  
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, August 7, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:25 p.m.

Present: Chet, Catherine, Peggy, Eric, Gabriel, Judy, Kathie, Roland, Sam

- I. Approval of last month's minutes: Chet moved to approve as amended. Gabriel seconded.
  
- II. Executive Director's Report
  - A. BOCES open house on Thursday, August 21 (5 – 7 p.m.). The HRC will have a table with information and the opportunity to network with other agencies.
  - B. The Civil Rights Forum at Marist was postponed and will be rescheduled.
  - C. Judy Balaban, Kathie Aberman and Gabriel Bertonazzi were reappointed until 12/21/16.
  - D. Eric wrote a resolution to present Peggy Johansen to the Legislature.
  
- III. Executive Committee's Report
  - A. The budget has been submitted
    1. We requested \$1500 for training facilitators to do anti-bias workshops in the schools and the community. We will form a committee to develop the approach we will take in finding facilitators and conducting the workshops. Judy, Peggy, Kathie and Sam will meet before the next meeting.
    2. Eric's salary has a 2% raise included in the budget.
  
- IV. Issues Committee's Report – There have been two phone calls for information, but no new formal complaints
  
- V. Outreach Report
  - A. Rights of the Accused Forum – Eric spoke to Tim Havas; we need to set a date. October is better for the Hispanic community because many in this community are working long hours for the summer people. Chet suggested that we approach Dept. of Probation and probation officers to help spread the education. Gabriel suggests that we hold it at the duck farm.
  - B. Gabriel has suggested that we honor specific Hispanic citizens for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 – Oct 15)

- Candidates should not be limited to volunteers, but should demonstrate tangible history of community service.
- Any Commissioner who has a name should submit it to Eric.
- We need a calendar of “recognition” months. Sam will look for that.

C. Catherine asked what can we do re: refugee children. This might be a good time to start reading/discussing “Everyday Democracy.”

VI. Old Business

A. By-laws need to be approved next month.

VII. New Business – no new business

VIII. Public Comment – no members of the public in attendance tonight.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by your secretary, Kathie Aberman. Please contact me if you see any inaccuracies or omissions.