

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Gabriel, Sharon, Bill, Ari, Peggy, Sam and guest: Idris

Bill motioned to accept the minutes from September's monthly meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

Director's Report

Sharon read the Commission's prepared statement on DACA into the record of the Sullivan County Legislative Meeting on September 19.

A meeting will be held of those interested in the situation at Evergreen housing development on October 17.

A follow-up meeting for the Law Enforcement Initiative is needed sometime in November. Ari will send commissioners an invitation.

Ari reported on the Opioid Conference at Bethel Woods on October 11; a statement she released on behalf of the Commission on the situation in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria; and the Reel Abilities film and dance festival coming up in Hurleyville.

On October 13 Ari will be participating in a poverty simulation training.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Discussion was held on the search for a facilitator for the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

The Hispanic Heritage Award announcement has gone to press. Awardees are Ariel Escobar, Yempha Smith and Lorraine Lopez Janove. Awards to be presented 10/19 at Legislative Meeting.

School programs: an assembly will be discussed with Monticello Central School personnel.

Outreach Committee

The committee met today. Printing of lawn signs with statements communicating the principles of the Commission was discussed. Sam suggested getting teens involved in designing and printing the signs, perhaps the Dynamite Youth Center.

The committee discussed setting up a youth HRC committee.

Sharon is working on a revised brochure, along with a promotional plan.

A bus trip to the UN, the Statute of Liberty or Washington D.C. was discussed to celebrate Human Rights Day in December.

Peggy mentioned the upcoming talk by John Conway on 11/19. Sam suggested a speaker who could present recent history of the county as a follow-up to John's talk.

Issues Committee

Sam mentioned the growing incidence of bullying at Tri-Valley School.

Ari discussed disseminating updated brochures at Ideal Snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Johansen, in the absence of Kathie Aberman, Secretary.