



West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2023

The West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2023, by Joan Wurzel.

Present: Joan Wurzel, Walt Smith, Harma Ellens.

Apologies: Avery Manning. Anne Pavone, Dwayne Mosier.

Minutes: February 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

Old Business

- a) **MEI scorecard:** Submitted to Human Rights Campaign.
- b) **Movie Festival update:** The movie ‘Cowboys’ will be shown on Thursday April 20, 2023. Monica D’Antonio will moderate the discussion.
- c) **Ordinance to outlaw conversion therapy:** Waiting for review by lawyer.
- d) **Posts to Facebook:** March – Women’s History Month post
- e) **LCD screen:** Submitted ‘Women’s History Month’ (not sure if it was actually posted to the screen).
- f) **More training:** Invitation extended to the Chief of Police to find out about their training on discrimination. List of questions prepared by Joan and discussed at meeting.
- g) **Report to the Board of Commissioners:** Joan will report on HRC accomplishments at their meeting on April 4, 2023.
- h) **Invitation sent to NASD to nominate a student commissioner:** Have not heard back on this yet. Joan reached out to Angie Hinton (NAACP officer; outreach around discrimination events). Angie will help find the appropriate contact in the school to find a student commissioner.

New Business:

- a) **Complaints received:** none

- b) **West Norriton Day:** Vendor form submitted for May 20, 2023 event (5:00pm – 8:30pm). Joan and Harma will be at the event. More volunteers needed.
- c) **Pride Flag raising June 1:** Timing of event to be determined.
- d) **Resources Festival at NASD:** Will take place one of the first days of the new school year.
- e) **Pathway School (for children with neurological issues or autism):** The school set up an anti-discrimination committee to enhance inclusion and diversity of staff as well as student body. Joan reached out to ask about possible student commissioner from the school.

Public Comments: none

Ongoing Action items

Get details for Tri-state HRC zoom meeting attendance (Joan)

Set up HRC meeting with Police (Anne)

Learn more about the Student Ambassadors program at the Norristown Area High School (all)

Completed Actions

Prepare MEI score submission (Harma)

Prepare draft anti-conversion therapy ordinance (Joan)

Prepare list of questions for discussion with Police Chief (all)

Review draft anti-conversion therapy ordinance and provide comments to Joan (all)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday April 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Harma Ellens.