



West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022

The West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on 5/26/22 by Joan Wurzel.

Present: Joan Wurzel, Walt Smith, Dwayne Mosier, Karen Hayman, Anne Pavone, Harma Ellens
Apologies: Shelly Wilson, Avery Manning

Minutes: April meeting minutes accepted

Old Business

- a) **More training:** Contacts from Abbington HRC and at Justice Department have been obtained from Don Benn. No further action. Follow up in June
- b) **MEI scorecard:** Waiting for input from Jason Bobst
- c) **May 14 West Norriton Day:** Great success. We had an HRC table with chairs and canopy, HRC brochures, big colorful reusable HRC banner, pictures on Facebook (please 'like' and 'follow')
- d) **Upcoming events:** June 2 Pride Flag raising. June 4 Coffee Closet event by East Norriton HRC. June 19 Freedom Day proclamation created by Joan, to be signed by Township Commissioners and we will explore placing it on HRC website? Freedom Day will also be announced on township LCD screen
- e) **Potential events/civic meetings we could attend – brainstorm:** The possibility of a local movie series around HRC relevant topics was discussed. Considered potential for collaborating on this with neighboring township HRCs.
- f) **Website page redo:** Facebook page redo was prioritized and delivered by Joan

New Business:

- a) **Complaints received:** none

- b) **Begin work on an anti-discrimination class for the elementary schools:** Harma volunteered to take the lead on this and request materials from Don Benn
- c) **An ordinance to outlaw conversion therapy:** The Abbington HRC decided to bring this to the State HRC level. Anne will contact the Abbington HRC to find out the reason for this. Joan will research other townships that have passed ordinances.
- d) **A calendar of celebrations of protected group-related months of the year** (i.e., Asian American Month, Black History Month etc.) was written and we will devise messages to put on LCD board at the township building. Joan generated this calendar and attached it to the meeting agenda.

Public Comments: none received

Ongoing Action items

Look into availability of mediation training (Joan)

Review PHRC (Joan)

Review of ADA and Fair Housing Act (unassigned)

Follow up with Jason Bobst to progress MEI index work (Anne, Harma)

Face book page and Website page redo (Joan)

Generate a list of all festivals and special celebrations we want to attend during the year, such as the West Norriton Fall festival (everyone, ongoing)

Completed Actions

Prepare list of questions to be answered to get Township MEI score on Human Rights Campaign website (Harma)

Calendar of celebrations of protected group-related months of the year was generated (Joan)

Facebook page was redone, please look at page and 'like' and 'follow' (Joan)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Harma Ellens