

Abington HRC: Sept. 4, 2019

Present: Shelley, Dave, Joanne, Raizinn, Kristin, John

New Business: Upcoming Events

November 4: PHRC program on Anti-Semitism and Racism. We have been asked to attend and to help in encouraging people to attend. Kristin will put this on our web page and we will send the flier to all of our contacts. Dave will send it to our township commissioners. Joanne has been asked to meet with the PHRC organizers after the event. This should give us additional visibility and ideas for hosting a community meeting.

October 16: Tri State HRC will host a half-day training for new and experienced HRC members at the Abington Police Training Site. Shelley is working on this and facilitating one of the sessions. Sessions will focus on legal frameworks for HRCs, best practices, and building community relations. We will attempt to help boost attendance by sending information about this program to any HRCs with which we are familiar, such as Upper Dublin.

October 19: The 1st Annual LGBTQ Community Resource Fair will take place at PSU Abington from 1:00 to 3:00. Representatives Ben Sanchez and Steve McCarter are sponsoring it and Joanne will be in touch with Ben to ask if we can have a table. We presented to administrators there in our first year, and have wanted to make additional contact under the new Provost.

Old Business:

Training for HRC members: Raizinn and Kristin are planning to do a Restorative Justice training with Good Shepherd. This will give them a different experience and skill set from other members who have done mediation training.

Rotary Grant: We did not hear from the Jenkintown Rotary this summer inviting us to apply for another grant. Shelley will reach out to them to see if it is still possible for us to apply.

Abington Police: After last year's successful training, Deputy Superintendent Kelley Warner mentioned having us do it again the next time the full department training was held. Shelley will be in touch with her to see if there is training this spring, if they want us to work with them, and what topic would be of interest.

Willow Grove Mall store: Dave followed up on a report of harassment by the owner of a store at the Mall that Shelley received. He met with the owner and set up a meeting with mall management and HR. The meeting went well and the manager invited the store owner to come to him if there were further incidents. Dave recently checked back with the owner who told him there are still problems but that she had not reported them to the management. He'll stay in touch with her.

Next meeting: October 2.