

Abington HRC: July 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Meredith Gill, Rosemary Jenkins, John Crane, Shelley Rosenberg, Joanne Kleiner

Absent: Dave Rondinelli, Amy McDonald

Honoring Larry Jackson: The Commissioners will do something to honor Larry in August. Meredith will follow up on this and let us know the date and what, if anything, we can do.

Debriefing the Keswick Theater Presentation: The group was extremely engaged and asked a lot of good questions. The presentation basically went well, despite the fact that our new and improved power point could not be projected with their media. We used Rosemary's computer, but it was difficult for everyone to see and less than ideal. In the future, we'll make and provide hard-copies of our program. We will also ask more specific questions about their media. John will prepare a list of appropriate questions for us. Finally, John has found a mini project (\$60) that he will order. If we like it, we'll use it in the future.

We discussed the idea of a smoother start to the program, meaning a better introduction and a more clear setting of expectations about what we will present. It was also suggested that we use the "Icebreaker" that we used with the YMCA and Police teen groups. Shelley will send that with these minutes so that everyone can see and comment on it.

We agreed that it is good to make the program more of a "discussion" and that we might want to work on smoother transitions between the sections. We also agreed that we like involving the participants in responding to the scenarios.

Abington Night Out: We discussed our participation and prepared our new members about what to expect. Joanne has the table cover and will ask Dave who has the tent and whether his team of volunteers can set it up for us. Maryann will make copies of the brochures. Shelley will make sign-up sheets for people who stop at the table and want us to come to their organization. Joanne will get the candy.

New Township Manager: Joanne will make contact with Richard Manfredi to familiarize him with the AHRC.

Social Media: We discussed the pros and cons of an AHRC Facebook page. While we see some benefits in getting our presence better known, we also recognize some problems with keeping an eye on what is posted. Joanne will ask Mr. Manfredi if we can post on the Township Facebook page.

Programming: We will begin work in September and spend the fall planning a program, using the material that Suzanne Buchanan (PDOJ) taught us in the sessions she facilitated for us in the spring. Our goal is to be ready by January to provide a program for community leaders. We want

to listen to them discuss their issues and find out how we can support them. We will send an agenda to them in advance. In the fall, we should begin gathering names of appropriate people to invite. We will talk to our Commissioners to find out who they recommend and Shelley will talk to her contacts (Lt. Kelley Warner and Michael Webb) at the Police Department to enlist their cooperation.

Our August meeting will be Night Out. Our September meeting will be the 12th.