



## **West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes**

April 28, 2022

The West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on 4/28/22 by Joan Wurzel.

Present: Joan Wurzel, Walt Smith, Dwayne Mosier, Shelly Wilson, Harma Ellens

Apologies: Anne Pavone Karen Hayman, Avery Manning

Guest: Don Benn, Chair of East Norriton HRC

1) **Minutes** March meeting minutes accepted

2) **New Business**

a) Don Benn reviewed the history and past activities of the East Norriton HRC (ENHRC). The ENHRC has experienced little need for mediation but has run programs in the Elementary and Middle Schools focusing on empathy, bias, and inclusion. These programs were followed by a contest and field trips for winners to the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown (Elementary School) or to Harrisburg (Middle School). The possibility of working closely together with HRCs from neighboring townships was discussed and received positively

b) Complaints received: none

c) May 14 West Norriton Day. The HRC will have a table set up at this event, with a large sign advertising the HRC, HRC brochures and lollipops.

d) Brochure. Completed by Joan, please provide comments to Joan via email ASAP

### **3) Old Business:**

- a) More training: Joan has identified some additional options for mediation training from (1) The United States Department of Justice and (2) the Abbington HRC. Joan will continue to investigate this
- b) Municipality scorecard index: Information required for the MEI index was provided to Jason Bobst and we are awaiting his further guidance
- c) Potential events/civic meetings we could attend: The HRC has booked a table at the West Norriton Fall Festival
- d) Website page redo: Joan is acting on this. Shelly volunteered to help with Facebook page

Public comments: One member of the public attended the meeting to learn more about the community

#### **Ongoing Action items**

Look into availability of mediation training (Joan Wurzel)

Review PHRC (Joan Wurzel)

Review of ADA and Fair Housing Act (unassigned)

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

Website page redo (Joan Wurzel)

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

#### **Completed Actions**

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

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by:** Harma Ellens