

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the February 2, 2023 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:15 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Secretary Jennie Dillon, and Janelle Wertzberger. Others in attendance: Kara Riethmaier, Borough of Gettysburg HR Coordinator.

January 5, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Old Business

A follow-up discussion was had regarding the conversations with Yeimi Bautista and Amelia Contreras at the January 5, 2023 meeting. Based on some of the content of those conversations, Ms. Riethmaier was asked who the HRC could speak with regarding the concerns Ms. Bautista and Ms. Contreras brought up between the Latino community and the Borough Police. Ms. Riethmaier suggested speaking to Mayor Frealing. Ms. Riggs said that she and Vice Chair Taurean Moses could speak with the Mayor on this issue.

New Business

Ms. Riggs shared with the commissioners a proposed regulation by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, #52-13 that defines terms used in the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunities Act.

Ms. Riethmaier informed the commissioners that she had communicated with Brittany Mellinger of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to schedule training for the entire Borough staff. Training would be 'Preventing Discrimination in the Workplace and Schools' and 'Bias, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion'.

Brittany Mellinger, PHRC, asked the HRC if they'd be willing to sponsor a program for April's Fair Housing Month.

New Business cont'd.

Ms. Wertzberger's term with the HRC expires April 15, 2023. Ms. Riethmaier said that she will bring this to the Borough Council and have a vote put on their agenda.

Ms. Riggs stated that with the election of officers for 2023 still needing to be addressed, we may possibly conduct an email vote.

Ms. Riggs shared that she, Martin Otto-Zimmann, United Lutheran Seminary and Adams County's Advisory Board to the PHRC, and Kiersten Belle, Chair of the Adams County Advisory Board to the PHRC spoke about possibly collaborating on writing a monthly column for the Gettysburg Times, and/or, the Gettysburg Connection, pending approval from both publications.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjournment

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM. The next scheduled meeting is April 13, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennie Dillon, Secretary