

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG  
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325  
JUNE 1, 2023**

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the June 1, 2023 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:15 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Vice Chair Taurean Moses, Secretary Jennie Dillon, Janelle Wertzberger, and Pastor Caleb McClure.

**April 13, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**Old Business**

**Progress on Training of Borough Staff** – Kara Riethmaier, Borough HR Coordinator was on vacation, so there were no updates at this time regarding the proposed training discussed in prior meetings.

**New Business**

**UUG Pledge** – Betty Baker, Unitarian Universalists of Gettysburg, shared with Ms. Riggs their ‘Pledge to End Racism’ document in hopes that UUG could partner with the HRC and the Borough in getting this message out to individuals or to businesses. As something like this has not been requested of the HRC before, Ms. Riggs will ask for insight from Ms. Riethmaier and Matt Moon.

**Heritage Festival** – The ICPJ (Interfaith Center for Justice and Peace) will be holding their 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Heritage Festival on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Riggs will reach out to Kiersten Belle, Adams County Advisory Committee to the PA Human Relations Commission, about possibly collaborating with her group to have a table at the event. Cost is \$15 per 10x10 space, and an additional \$10 for an 8’ table. Ms. Wertzberger and Ms. Dillon will volunteer to help, and Pastor McClure, dependent on his schedule.

**Community Training** – Pastor McClure would like some type of training like what the original body of commissioners received from Lower Merion Township Commissioner Harold Goldner

when the board was formed. Ms. Dillon said that she would forward to Pastor McClure the notes she took during that meeting with Mr. Goldner.

#### **New Business Cont'd**

**Community Training Cont'd** – Pastor McClure also mentioned that there should be some type of training for the community (Pastor McClure and Ms. Dillon did attend a free public Ally Training provided by CFY – Collaborating for Youth, held at HACC). Ms. Wertzberger felt that the Gettysburg YWCA would be a good outlet for training since their four-part series on Immigration was well attended by the public. Pastor McClure would like to see the HRC be a liaison or ‘resource group’ for other types of trainings related to our field for other groups. Ms. Dillon said that she’d work with Pastor McClure to comprise a list of links, resources, etc. of for the public.

#### **Future Meetings**

Ms. Riggs will not be at the next scheduled meeting, August 3, 2023. Mr. Moses will Chair the meeting in her place.

#### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

#### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM. The next scheduled meeting is August 3, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jennie Dillon, Secretary