HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG 59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325 APRIL 7, 2022

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the April 7, 2022 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:20 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Secretary Jennie Dillon, Janelle Wertzberger, and Pastor Jay Eckman. Others in attendance: Rob Thaeler, Adams County Planning, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd.

Moved Pastor Eckman, seconded Ms. Dillon to approve, March 3, 2022 meeting minutes. All approved.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Old Business

Chamber Article – Chairperson Riggs will reach out to Carrie Stuart, Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce about writing an article for their June newsletter.

Complaint Form and Response – Ms. Wertzberger will check into how to translate these forms into Spanish.

New Business

Rob Thaeler, Fair Housing Officer for Adams County, attended the meeting and gave the Board an overview of what his position entails as a Fair Housing Officer. Mr. Thaeler stated that he receives maybe 1-2 calls a year regarding housing discrimination. In his position, Mr. Thaeler stated that he goes through the protected classes to determine if the case presented to him falls under discrimination. If so, Mr. Thaeler refers these cases to the PA HRC as he has no authority to cite or arrest the offender. Mr. Thaeler did take rack cards to place at his work. Mr. Thaeler felt it important to provide information to landlords educating them on what is discriminatory.

New Business Cont'd.

Public Outreach – Ms. Wertzberger suggested that the HRC have a vendor table set up during Gettysburg Pride weekend, June 3-5, 2022. Pastor Eckman suggested that the HRC participate in National Night Out on August 2, 2022 to meet and greet with the public.

May Meeting – Chairperson Riggs stated that she will not be available for the May 5, 2022 HRC meeting. It was suggested and agreed by all that the May meeting be on May 12, 2022 when all can be in attendance.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Adjournment

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting is May 12, 2022 at 5:15 PM at the Borough Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennie Dillon, Secretary