

**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG  
59 EAST HIGH STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325  
AUGUST 5, 2021**

Chair Janet Riggs Called to Order the August 5, 2021 Human Relations Commission meeting at 5:02 PM. Those in attendance were: Chair Janet Riggs, Vice Chair Taurean G. Moses, Secretary Jennie Dillon, Pastor Jay Eckman and Janelle Wertzberger. Others in attendance: Councilman Matthew Moon.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**Moved Ms. Wertzberger, seconded Pastor Eckman to approve the June 24, 2021 meeting minutes. All approved.**

**Old Business**

**Training** - Human Relations Commission training was conducted via Zoom Meeting by Harold Goldner, Esq., HRC board member for Lower Merion Township, Pennsylvania on July 28, 2021. Ms. Riggs, Mr. Moses, Ms. Dillon and Ms. Wertzberger were in attendance. Pastor Eckman and Alternate Commissioner Mr. Hancock were unable to attend. The meeting was recorded and can be viewed at a later time for those not in attendance.

**Outreach to the Community** – After receiving training, the Commission has a better idea and focus on community outreach. A suggestion was made by Pastor Eckman to develop a network to partner with. Suggested organizations to reach out to were Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants Association, YWCA, Career Link and Office of Aging.

**New Business**

**Discussion on Training received and how we proceed** – All that were in attendance for the HRC Zoom Meeting training found it exceptionally beneficial. Chairperson Riggs asked all to talk about their takeaways from the training. It was collectively agreed upon that a pamphlet/brochure be created to distribute to Borough agencies, businesses, organizations and advocates outlining the role of the HRC in the community. Ms. Wertzberger suggested that a Spanish version of this pamphlet/brochure also be created.

**Mediation** – As none of the HRC members have prior training in mediation, it was recommended that at least 3 members have mediation training. Chairperson Riggs will follow up on mediation classes with Mediation Services of Adams County Inc. to coordinate and find out availability, fees, and could we meet as a group.

**Mission Statement** – After reviewing Mission Statements from various Pennsylvania HRCs, all agreed that the Mission Statement of Lower Merion Township, Pennsylvania very much represents what this Commission wishes to express. Ms. Wertzberger volunteered to create a draft of a Mission Statement to be presented at the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Riggs adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM. The next scheduled meeting is September 2, 2021 at 5 PM at the Borough Office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennie Dillon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennie Dillon, Secretary