

**City of Lambertville  
Human Rights Council  
7 PM Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Phillip J. Pittore Justice Center  
25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ  
MINUTES**

**WELCOME** – John Woods

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by John Woods

**ROLL CALL** - John Woods, Beth Asaro, Roni Todd-Marino, Emily Carone, Lt. Bob Brown, Beth Caruso

**MISSING** - Bambi Kuhl, Leslie Darling, Meagan Warner (new School Board Rep to be named soon)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – will move these at August meeting – with the July meeting minutes

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Mental Health** and Art Presentation (topic: Stigma) held May 19<sup>th</sup>
- **We Are One** 6/9/19 picnic recap – excellent participation esp food & music
  - Possible 6/7/20 date – requested date from Cindy Ege and Recreation Commission (Megan Ruf)
  - Reserve Food Fire Truck (Asaro/Danny Barlow/Shiloh Barlow)
  - Shop Rite food donations (Caruso to provide name in email)
  - Inflatables – Ryan Spreen (?)
  - Picnic Subteam – Roni Todd-Marino, Beth Asaro, Zach Berliner
  - Music
  - Teaching Salsa Dancing at event? Roni to investigate.
  - Tent
  - Physical day of signage – large – for gazebo etc....
- **Seniors** – Discussion re idea for student volunteers (=community hours) to hold monthly pizza parties/movie nights at both Hibernia and Heritage Village communities – and include South Hunterdon Apts. John Woods to pitch idea to Mary Jane Legere.
- **2019 IMMIGRANT EDUCATION SESSION:** Effie Castro inquired about holding another Hispanic Resident Education session – like we did last year. This time with the new Mayor and the Police, etc.... Given the new Mayor the community is concerned what her policies and attitude is to the immigrant community. Zach Berliner would lead. Roni will talk to Zach about this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Student Community** – Roni asked by a parent if we could look at diversity within sports – particularly reaching out to the Basketball Association – run out of Presbyterian Church – to reduce costs, provide scholarships – Steve Chernoski. What are other barriers - Language on form? Health coverage? David, Effie, Leslie – with Steve Chernoski and basketball leadership (Jim Troutman?). Meeting between Leslie, Roni, Steve and leader of Basketball league is needed. Believe Leslie could take lead.
- **LGBTQ+** – Gay Pride Parade 2020. Tshirts, signs, etc... We have a logo – Eric Rounds designed for us. Roni to ask him to come to August meeting to talk over an updated logo. Beth to take lead on this.
- **Martin Luther King Day of Action 1/20/20**: previously managed by Mary Jane Legere (via email) who has agreed to lead.
- **Lt Brown** – Lambertville bias incident from 6/15 reviewed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT** – Motion to adjourn Beth Asaro, seconded John Woods, all in favor – all voted aye – at 8:01 pm

## **FYI Focus teams**

- *Immigrant Community – Roni Todd-Marino, Beth Caruso*
- *LGBTQ Community – Beth Asaro, Meagan Warner*
- *Seniors Community – Bambi Kuhl, Emily Carone*
- *Mental Health Community – John Woods, Lt. Bob Brown*
- *Student Community – Leslie Darling*

**NEW MEMBERS TO BE ADDED TO TEAMS ONCE CONFIRMED:** *David Gardiner, Effie Castro*