

**City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
7 PM Monday November 11, 2019
Justice Center
25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ
MINUTES**

WELCOME – John Woods, Chairperson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by John Woods

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

Lt. Bob Brown
Bambi Kuhl
Roni Todd-Marino
John Woods
Emily Carone
Beth Caruso
Effie Castro
Leslie Darling
Filomena Hengst

Friends of Council in Attendance:

Mary Jane Legere

Absent:

Beth Asaro
David Gardiner

APPROVAL OF 10/7/19 MINUTES –Roni Todd-Marino made a motion, Lt. Brown seconded, all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- **SENIOR COMMUNITY** – Bambi Kuhl and Emily Carone
 - Pizza Night – Held first event on 10/22 at Hibernia. Bambi, Beth A and Lt Brown attended. Approx. 25 residents attended. Points of note; many residents said they had never met before this. Suggestion was made to provide name tags at future events.
 - Next event will be held at Heritage Village in January exact dates TBD
- **IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY** – Roni Todd Marino, Beth Caruso, David Gardiner, Effie Castro (Zach Berliner/friend of council)

- Immigrant Basic Know Your Rights Education Session held on 11/7. Effie and Lt Brown shared that approx. 15 people attended. Mayor Fahl and presenter Glenn Bergenfeld fielded questions. One question pertained to the IDs distributed by Fisherman's Mark and where they are accepted. Roni reported that there were two agencies in Hunterdon county who agreed to distribute. However, that was held after the introduction of NJ legislation to provide Driver's Licenses for all residents. It was proposed that the Council send a letter in support of the Legislation. Bambi volunteered to approach Bank of Princeton regarding the ID program.
 - We Are One picnic to be combined with 'The Great Big Race' (Ryan Spreen), Subcommittee meets regularly to coordinate details. Confirmed date for 6/7/20 2:00-8:00pm.
 - Discussion of the utilization of Facebook to engage the Latinx population and the FB group used by Fisherman's Mark. Zach Berliner will be approached regarding creating a new closed group to replace the public Latinos of New Hope and Lambertville page.
- **STUDENT/YOUTH COMMUNITY** – Leslie Darling and Filomena Hengst
 - Local Youth sports – David translated the basketball registration form. Leslie to coordinate an afterschool outreach day to broaden distribution and knowledge of the program. Group to draft a general flyer re financial assistance for extracurricular activities beyond basketball. It was discussed that transportation may also be a barrier in addition to cost.
- **LGBTQ COMMUNITY** – Beth Asaro
 - LHRC Logo – Roni & Beth to meet with Eric Rounds – and include PEACE, LOVE AND LAMBERTVILLE
 - Tshirts – to sell
 - Banner – have one made – use for parades etc...
 - Offering city property for SHRHS Gender Equality Club – Filomena reported that she spoke with Heather Damron, advisor for the SHRSD student group, the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), regarding meeting with LHRC. Mary Jane and Beth A went to the SHRSD "National Coming Out Day" meeting to make initial connection. LHRC members are invited to attend future GSA meetings which are held Tuesdays during school hours.
 - Discussed success of the library program "Drag Queen Story Hour". Next event 11/16 at 11:00 am.
- **MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY** – John Woods and Lt. Bob Brown
 - 'Getting Together' program – John to follow up with Kerri McGinty and to survey local residents to determine interest in a local chapter of Getting Together in Lambertville

- Bambi recommended talking to Phillips Barber about their Integrated Care model and needs in the community.
- **GENERAL UPDATES**
 - Martin Luther King Day of Service 1/20/20
 - Mary Jane reported that she is working with Mayor Fahl on a project that expands volunteer utilization for city initiatives. She is working with the Library and local nonprofits to plan the day of service.

NEW BUSINESS

- John Wood reminded all that the next meeting will include reorganization discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

- NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sarah Gold, community member, expressed appreciation for being allowed to sit in and learn more about LHRC initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT – Roni Todd-Marino made a motion, John Woods seconded the motion, all were in favor.

(11) LHRC members:

Beth Asaro, Lt. Bob Brown, Emily Carone, Beth Caruso, Effie Castro, Leslie Darling, David Gardiner, Filomena Hengst, Bambi Kuhl, Roni Todd-Marino, John Woods

(2) LHRC Friends:

Zach Berliner, Mary Jane Legere