

Minutes for the 1/5/10 meeting Human Rights Commission

Present: Val Ginn, Michael Munroe, Christine Andrews, Gary Byron, Ken Freidenberg, Karen Faust, Theresa Claffey, Louisa Rickard, Barbara Wiley, Phyllis DiCara

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The first order of business was the **Election of Officers.**

The HRC members decided to table the election of officers until the next HRC meeting because the Newington Republicans had yet to nominate their members to the 2010 HRC.

The past and current mission of the HRC was chronicled to the four new members of the HRC.

The second order of business was the **Newington's Got Talent Fund Raiser for Human Services.**

The following topics were discussed:

Advertising: Ken reported that the informational flyer will be distributed to the schools this week. Ken also stated that the flyer has been posted on the Newington Town website. Karen volunteered to post the flyer on the Newington High School's TV scroll. Karen stated that she would post the flyer in the High School Library and at other bulletin boards within the High School. Karen also said that she could sign interested students up at the High School since she is employed at the High School. A sign up sheet was distributed so that HRC members could volunteer to post flyers at various town locations such as the library, local businesses, etc. A sample of the promotional Bookmark was shown to the HRC by Christine Andrews. It was agreed that these would be distributed to the Town Library and the High School Library. Val stated that she would contact the local print media and the Hartford Courant for advertising. Val said that an article about the Fund Raiser should appear in the next edition of Newington Life. It was noted by several HRC members that the town sign in front of the CVS on Main Street was not being used. Val said that she would check on this to see if the sign could be used to promote the Fund Raiser.

Sponsors: Val stated that she has been in contact with the Newington PAC Club and that they are interested in being a sponsor for the fund raiser. Val said that she should know on 1/11/10 about how much the PAC's financial contribution will be. The HRC was in agreement that the PAC would get substantial recognition for their sponsorship efforts.

NCTV: Gary stated that he went to the December meeting of NCTV. NCTV cannot guarantee volunteers for the Fund Raiser. It was estimated that as many as 8 or 9 volunteers might be needed in the NCTV production of the show. Gary stated that he would contact NCTV to see if some of their members can come to the 1/19/10 HRC meeting to discuss their interest in this event. Karen stated that she knew a member of NCTV that might be interested in helping out and that she would contact that person. The HRC agreed that there was probably not enough time to train volunteers to use NCTV's equipment. This will be discussed at the next HRC meeting. Gary stated that NCTV uses some equipment from Cox Cable company in their production of events. This equipment needs to be reserved before the upcoming event. Gary said that he would contact someone at NCTV to see if the Cox equipment could be reserved for the Fund Raiser. Gary stated that the NCTV Mayor's show was postponed from 1/4/10 to 1/11/10. Gary said that he would contact Steve Parker to see if Gary can appear on this show to promote the Fund Raiser. Gary agreed to also appear on NCTV's Talk of the Town Show.

Waiver Form: Phyllis distributed copies of the Waiver Forms. There are two forms - one for an adult and one for a minor. Phyllis stated that she used the standard waiver forms from the Town of Newington as the basis for these forms. These will be distributed and filled out at the auditions for the Fund Raiser.

Prizes: It was agreed that something like a Visa Gift Card could be used instead of cash prizes.

Tickets: Christine distributed samples of the tickets that will be used. Once a sponsor has been identified, their name will be added to the tickets and they will be ready for printing.

Concessions: The HRC discussed the possibility of having an intermission during the Fund Raiser. During this time some baked goods and drinks could be sold. This will be discussed further at the next HRC meeting.

Auditions: Karen volunteered to design a sign up sheet for the auditions to get the participants info.

Show Production: The HRC decided that at the 1/19/10 HRC meeting that show productions roles will have to start to be solidified.

There was no **Other Business**.

There was no **Public Participation**.

The next HRC meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted By: Michael Munroe, Secretary