

Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 6 p.m.

Municipal Building

Attendance: Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Robert Taylor, Matt Foreman, Kiersten Lane, Dana Hackley, Catherine Schilken, Commission Liaison Steve Silverman, Staff Liaison Susan Morgans **Absent:** Mark Trumbull

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Dana Hackley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. (Chair Borrelli Dorn took over when she arrive a short time later.)

INTRODUCTIONS: New member Catherine Schilken and the board introduced themselves to one another.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Dana Hackley moved and Matt Foreman seconded the nomination of Lisa Borrelli Dorn for president. Matt Foreman moved and Kiersten Lane seconded the nomination of Dana Hackley as vice president. Both officers were elected unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes, as the March meeting was cancelled in order to hold a training session at Bidwell.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was no citizen comment.

REPORTS

Chair

Lisa Borrelli said that there have been no requests for mediations and she has received no referrals for mediation assistance from either Judge Blaise Larotonda or Police Chief Aaron Lauth.

Lisa shared an idea for Unity from a cartoon she saw that suggested bystanders should ignore the person who has said or done something offensive and instead pay attention to or befriend the person who is being picked on. The idea is to divert attention from the offense behavior.

Commissioner

Commissioner Steve Silverman has been door knocking for his campaign and said that not many people seem to be aware of the efforts that are taking place to promote Unity in the Community. Dana Hackley volunteered to contact School District Communications Director Cissy Bowman regarding promoting the contest. Susan Morgans has sent Cissy information for the district website and to forward for PTA newsletters. Susan will ask the Junior Commissioner to speak about the contest to Student Council, ask the high school activities director to see if the contest can be promoted in the Devil's Advocate monthly student newspaper and pitch a story to The Almanac.

Staff Liaison

Susan Morgans said that Lisa Borrelli Dorn would be filling in for her at the Commission's extended discussion session on boards and authorities on April 24.

Susan received an email from a Mt. Lebanon woman complaining about acts of racism in her neighborhood and responded via email by offering help from the Community Relations Board. She shared the message she sent, which provided an overview of the board, its projects and services, with the members. She has not heard anything further from the resident. The board concurred that no follow-up was necessary at this time.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Community Service Award

The committee has selected a winner from among several outstanding candidates. The winner will be notified after Lisa Borrelli Dorn has talked with the nominators of the other candidates. The board hopes to honor the winner at a Commission meeting in May or June. *Mt Lebanon Magazine* will feature the winner.

The plaque will be updated and the Public Information Office will send out a news release. The winner also will get a photograph with an inscription. Susan Morgans will work with Lisa on the timing for these things.

Neighborhood College

Susan said that it will be important to see that the curriculum does not overlap too much with that of the police and fire academies.

Dana Hackley is working on a resource guide.

The program will consist of six–eight sessions between February and April. Publicity should be ready to launch in September. Segments could include School, Police, Fire Public Works, Recreation, Commission

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 7:30. Next meeting is Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.