

## **Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes**

Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6 Municipal Building

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lisa Borrelli Dorn called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

Hetz and Barbara Marsh, Thornwood Drive, said they came to the meeting to express their support for the Unity effort and encouraged the board to continue their work to discourage divisiveness in the community. Mr. Marsh is a retired Presbyterian pastor who served at Westminster and Southminster churches. He is a pastoral counselor, and Ms. Marsh is a psychologist. They practice together on Washington Road.

Vicky Piontkowski, Atlanta Drive, said she attended a racial segregation seminar at Pitt and is trying to figure out how to join the effort here to support more diversity, and, in particular, to support children of color who are living here. She said she believes we all need positive examples of people who are different from us.

### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

June minutes were approved unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Chair**

Lisa Borrelli Dorn said the first Mt. Lebanon Residents Academy will begin Thursday, January 4. She and Catherine Schilken have worked on the proposed content for the 7-8 sessions and have contacted participants, all of whom have agreed to present. Application will appear in the November print and online magazine in November, as well as on the website. PIO will send out news release and can develop a brochure/poster, if needed.

Lisa reported on the Unity group. Noah Evans of St. Paul's is taking the lead on looking to the possibility of continuing community conversations based on the model of the Everyday Democracy program. If this moves forward, the Community Relations Board could be a municipal liaison to the group.

**Commission Liaison:** Commissioner Silverman provided an overview of the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance. He asked board members to carefully read the proposed ordinance, which involves the creation of a Mt. Lebanon Human Relations Commission, and get back to him with questions, comments or concerns. A public hearing is scheduled for the next commission meeting, at which time the Commission may vote.

#### **Staff Liaison**

Susan Morgans reminded the group that if we are to honor a 2016 and 2017 Outstanding Community Volunteer at the April Volunteer Appreciation dinner, we will need to have the form in the December and January/February magazines so as to allow enough time for the board to review applications and make a selection.

#### **Magazine Column**

If Bob Taylor is unable to complete a column for the November issue, the magazine will use the space to promote the Mt. Lebanon Residents Academy.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 11. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.