

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2018

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Attendees:

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Christine Gregory

Annette Jordan

Festus Olayinka

Agenda Item 1. First Aid Magnets

Jane presented committee members with the status of magnet sales and donations to date: 15 magnets were donated to the Borough Police Department to place on the police vehicles, as well as 6 magnets donated to the Fire Department to place on its trucks. June's total collection was \$1,240 and was presented to the Mr. Madden and Mr. McFadden in June. As of this meeting, July's total collection is \$555.00. Jane spoke with Jeff Friedman for permission to collect donations at the Downtown Partnership events. Jeff has agreed to place magnets in partnership's office to collect donations, and has also offered to allow Committee to collect donations at the remaining Freehold Idol events, on August 8th and 15th. Reverend Reinken has also provided \$125 in collections for magnets.

Agenda Item 2. Olde Freehold Day

Committee members agreed to meet at Lake Topenemus to prepare the table and set up for the event. Table will have HR pamphlets, First Aid Magnets, give-a-ways, and flyers for the Senior Appreciation Day event. Committee will be collecting entry forms for grand prize give-away. Annette offered use of her tent.

Agenda Item 3. 9-11 Memorial Service

The Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, September 11 from 8:30 am to 9:00 am in front of Borough Hall. The theme of the service is "Community and Remembrance". Jane's preparations for the service include Mayor's introduction, Reverend invocation, wreath laying, playing of Taps, and the possibility of bell tolling. Jane will prepare a program for the service with Pat Ruegger's assistance to provide 25-50 copies. With regard to promotion, Annette offered to contact the News Transcript and Asbury Park Press for coverage. Jane will provide service information to Pat Ruegger for preparation of an email blast to be posted the week prior.

Agenda Item 4. Senior Appreciation Day

Gianna presented event progress to the committee, with a verbal list of community service providers and vendors. Entertainment lineup includes band from Lakehouse Music Academy, Classic Crooners, and Freehold Idol contestant winner. Promotional progress being made in the upcoming week with creation of FaceBook page. Prizes and gift cards are being gathered from local businesses. Festus offered to approach private individuals for donation gift cards, and suggested gift cards from taxi cab drivers in town. Interactive activities this year include donation of large event games by Jeff Segal and EventBoomSource.com. Gianna suggested a vintage costume contest, and Annette offered to ask Dr. Tomasic for student participation. Jane spoke with Qi Gung instructor to perform a demonstration at the event, as well as CentraState for health/wellness demonstration related to fitness for Parkinsons. Antique fire engine and Fire Engine No. 2 was requested by Fireman's Museum and Borough Fire Official, Larry Andrews, for presence at the event for photos with attendees.

Agenda Item 5. Adopt-a-Neighbor Program

Borough Administration office placed link for Adopt-A-Neighbor program on Borough web site with guidelines and application forms for recruitment of volunteers. Press release was published on July 18 in The News Transcript to help promote the program and gather public interest for volunteer recruitment and participation. Members of United Methodist Church have expressed interest for volunteer participation. Committee received its first volunteer application. Target date for implementation of program is October 1st.

Agenda Item 6. Comments/Ideas/Open Discussion

Christine mentioned a problem with her neighbor regarding loud noise and reckless behavior. Inquired as to suggestions to prevent further disturbance in the neighborhood.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018