

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2018

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Attendees:

Carol Lida

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Christine Gregory

Annette Jordan

Festus Olayinka

Agenda Item 1. 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 provided the committee with a copy of the prepared program for review. The program includes welcoming remarks at 8:30 am., followed by Presentation of Colors by the American Legion Post, National Anthem sung by Carol Lida, and Pledge of Allegiance. Program continues with Invocation by Pastor Sparks, a moment of silence, and wreath laying ceremony. During the wreath laying, Jane will announce the names of the Freehold Borough and Freehold Township deceased, as the bell tolls in their honor. Ron will signal the bell tower after each name is announced. The service will come to an end with reflections by Mayor Higgins and Benediction by Pastor Sparks, with playing of Taps as attendees depart. Jane has invited Freehold Township officials to attend.

Agenda Item 2. 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. Jane advised that total collection to date is \$2,202, including \$250 PBA donation to the First Aid. Mayor Higgins had authorized magnets for the Police Department's squad cars.

Annette offered to ask Freehold Township's PBA for donation to place magnets on its vehicles.

Jane suggested contacting organizations with civic benevolence funds for donations. She asked Ron for assistance with contact information.

Donations for magnets will be accepted at Senior Appreciation Day event with Freehold Kruisers collecting \$10 registration fees from Classic Car Contest participants.

Agenda Item 3 Senior Appreciation Day

Gianna presented the committee with a list of community service providers and vendor participants, together with the entertainment lineup. Committee asked Carol to sing the National Anthem at the inception of the event. Entertainment includes two youth bands from Lakehouse Music Academy, Classic Crooners, and Freehold Idol contestant winner. Festus assisted with creation of event FaceBook page. Prizes and gift cards have been gathered from local businesses thanks to Sheelagh Zaklukiewicz of the Freehold Kruisers. Interactive activities this year include large event games and trivia prizes. Dance instructors will be available to offer lessons to the attendees. Gianna contacted Borough high school activities director for volunteers, and asked committee members to help recruit same. Sergeant Santana also offer to recruit volunteers. Festus will coordinate community forum presentation with Sgt Santana to collect suggestions for forum topics from attendees. The News Transcript was contacted with information regarding the event.

Agenda Item 4 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 First United Methodist Church have expressed interest for volunteer participation. Committee received its first volunteer application from the news article, and a second volunteer with Jane's assistance. Gianna will follow up with First United Methodist for applications.

Target date for implementation of program is October 1st.

Agenda Item 5 Comments/Ideas/Open Discussion

For the holidays, Carol had suggested committee members' visitation of the Borough's senior living facilities.

Committee is considering date for next joint Human Relations meeting with Freehold Township.

Next Meeting Date: October 2, 2018