

FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2018

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Attendees:

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Annette Jordan

Festus Olayinka

Agenda Item 1 . Meeting with MTN Organization, Inc.

Committee members invited and met with Yvette and Reggie Anderson, founders of MTN Organization, Inc., a NJ Non Profit Organization. Its mission is to "Meet the need of those less fortunate, who have fallen on hard times or temporarily need assistance", supporting children, elderly, families, special needs and Veterans. They introduced the Nine Projects of Promise to the group. A few of the projects include "Friends Feed Homeless", which gives care packages to the homeless and warm clothing; "Bears of Care", where students visit elderly and veterans for Valentine's Day; "A Day of Love", where families can shop for free; "Packs of Success" offers shelter students back packs filled with school supplies; Thanksgiving baskets to approximately 500 families filled with food items and turkeys; and RJ's Toy Chest, which provides an estimated 500 children receive toys requested with letters to Santa, funded by donations and facilitated by an Adopt-a-Child exchange;

The organization has 11 active board members and is searching for locations to store donated items and make preparations for the various programs.

Our committee will periodically include these programs on its agenda to assist whenever possible by volunteering our time or collecting donations. Ron suggested that the Committee help promote the programs by announcing HR's involvement via the Borough's email blasts.

Agenda 2. First Aid Magnets

Jane suggested we request the Freehold HR Committee's status regarding donation collections in the Township at the next joint meeting. Annette contacted Don Cruz, member of the Township's HR Committee, for request to place magnets on the Township's PBA vehicles. Festus suggested we contact St. Rose to collect magnet donations at the school's basketball games, as well as the Borough's schools basketball games.

Agenda Item 3. Adopt-a-Neighbor Program

Gianna presented the Committee with two volunteer applications submitted for the program, and two resident eligibility applications. Committee is hard pressed for volunteers despite link for Adopt-A-Neighbor program on Borough web site with guidelines and application forms for recruitment of volunteers. St. Rose of Lima included information about the program in its weekly bulletin for the past month and continues to promote in its bulletin in search of recruits. In the event a lack of volunteers inhibits the implementation of the program for the upcoming Winter season, Gianna suggested we join the existing volunteers with the resident applicants, providing they qualify.

Deadline for Volunteer registration is extended to December 1st.

Agenda Item 4. Police/Community Forum

Committee will invite Sergeant Santana to its next joint meeting with the Freehold Township HR Committee to present comments collected from the surveys FBPD Citizen Survey, and to discuss the possibility of creating a community forum for topics of discussion.

Agenda Item 5. Schedule Joint Meeting with Township

Gianna contacted Reverend Philhower to schedule the next joint meeting with the Township's HR Committee. The Reverend stated he would discuss with members at the Township's November meeting and advise.

Agenda Item 6. Senior Luncheon

Sharon Shutzer's Senior Luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 1st. Committee members expect to attend and volunteer to serve, if available.

Next Meeting Date: December 4, 2018