

**FREEHOLD BOROUGH HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

December 5, 2018

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Attendees:**

Ron Griffiths

Jane Fields

Gianna Dell'Omo

Christine Gregory

**Agenda Item 1. Adopt-a-Neighbor Program**

Gianna presented the Committee with two volunteer applications submitted for the program, and two resident eligibility applications at the last meeting. Gianna suggested we join the existing volunteers with the resident applicants, providing they qualify. Deadline for Volunteer registration was extended to December 1<sup>st</sup>. Gianna contacted the existing volunteers and requested they reach out to the three applicants to offer their assistance with yard work. Committee opted for an informal version of the program at this time.

**Agenda Item 2. Schedule Joint Meeting with Township**

Gianna spoke with Reverend Philhower subsequent to November's meeting to schedule the next joint meeting with the Township's HR Committee. The Reverend stated the Township's committee considered sending a liaison to our meetings to keep abreast of our agenda items. Gianna requested that the Township's HR reconsider and continue to attend an annual joint meeting with the Borough, as joint efforts would prove more effective moving forward with police/community relations, and other resident concerns. The Reverend advised he would further discuss with HR members at the Township's next meeting in January and advise.

Annette had reached out to Don Cruz of the Township's HR to inquire about placing First Aid Magnets on the Township's police vehicles. Mr. Cruz said he would re-address with the Township's HR at its January meeting.

**Agenda Item 3 . Meeting with MTN Organization, Inc.**

After meeting with the founders of MTN Organization, Inc. at our last meeting, the Committee decided it would periodically include these programs on its agenda to assist whenever possible by volunteering our time or collecting donations. At this meeting, Committee members were asked to consider participating in MTN's December program, RJ's Toy Chest., to either sponsor a child for \$25 or donate a toy. Committee members chose to elect either option

and make an individual donation.

The next organization project involves providing care packages to the homeless in the "Tent" cities in the Winter months. The Committee was presented with the option to either volunteer with assisting in creating the care packages or delivering to the various locations. More details of the committee's involvement to be discussed at our January meeting.

**Agenda Item 4. Suggestions/Ideas 2019**

Ron presented the Committee with an idea for group involvement in "Giving Tuesday" in November, by organizing collections of non-perishable foods or clothing, and establishing a drop off location in the Borough.

Christine mentioned the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Borough's organization of 1919, and suggested HR's involvement in events which will be related to celebrating same in the coming year.

Ron shared his experience with promoting a "Wellness Program", as an idea for outreach to Borough residents.

**Next Meeting Date: January 8, 2019**