

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

August 6, 2019

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

**Attendees:**

**Carol Lida**

**Jane Fields**

**Gianna Dell'Omo**

**Christine Gregory**

**Annette Jordan**

**Paul Jensen**

**Agenda Item 1. 9-11 Memorial Service**

Jane presented the committee with a proposed program for the 9-11 service. The service will commence at 8:30 a.m. at Borough Hall, and will end at 9:00 a.m. Annette advised that students of the Freehold Learning Center would not be able to prepare for the event due to the time constraint.

Program to include Prelude by Dan Murphy with bagpipes as attendees gather. Jane will present welcoming remarks, followed by the Presentation of Colors by American Legion Post 54. National Anthem to be led by Carol, with Pledge of Allegiance to follow led by Gianna.

To be advised as to who will be presenting the Invocation and patriotic hymn or pastoral remarks. Participation in the wreath laying ceremony by Mayor Higgins, Fire Chief Bailey, First Aid Chaplain Olivarius and Police Chief Dispenza, accompanied by the bell toll. Amazing Grace by Dan Murphy after the ceremony, to be concluded with Mayor Higgins' reflections and benediction by a clergy member. Playing of Taps followed by Postlude as attendees depart.

Jane will invite Freehold Township Mayor and HR members to the service.

Promotion for the service will include an email blast on the Borough's web site and inclusion in the September Newsletter. A press release will be forwarded to The News Transcript. Jane will provide Pat Reugger with final draft of program itinerary for preparation of copies.

**Agenda Item 2. Senior Appreciation Day**

Event applications and guidelines were sent to invite vendor participants, and fifteen applications have been received to date. Flyers have been prepared and forwarded to confirmed participants. FaceBook page has been posted for additional promotion. Prize give-aways will include gift certificates from several local businesses, thanks to Sheelagh Zaklukiewicz's efforts.

The committee asked Carol Lida to sing the National Anthem and include the youth from the congregation at AME to accompany her. Middle school students have offered to create and perform a play rendering a historical re-enactment for the seniors, and are making preparations

for same. Gianna sent Mayor Higgins an invitation to include the celebration of Hudson Manor's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was well received and is awaiting suggestions regarding acknowledgment of the Manor's service to the senior community. Promotions have been included in the August Newsletter and will be posted via Borough email blast.

### **Agenda Item 3. Olde Freehold Day**

Committee members will be participating as volunteers for the upcoming event on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at Lake Topanemus. Gianna and Jane were advised by event manager, to volunteer at the welcome table from 12-1:00 p.m. Committee members are encouraged to attend. Members wishing to volunteer may contact Barbara Kane at [bkanehome@verizon.net](mailto:bkanehome@verizon.net).

### **Agenda Item 4. HR Pamphlets**

HR pamphlets were distributed to the members requesting their input on relevant changes and/or revisions in preparation for reprint. Updated event photos also needed for the pamphlet. Revisions to be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

### **Agenda Item 5. Ideas/Suggestions/Comments**

Jane contacted Reverend Reinken with regard to his status as Clergy liaison to the committee. Regrettably, Reverend Reinken will be forwarding his resignation. Committee will approach the clergy members of Unity Coalition of Greater Freehold with a request to fill the Clergy Liaison position.

Carol Lida informed the committee that she will no longer hold the position of Chair and committee members have asked Gianna Dell'Omo to accept the position. Mayor Higgins will be notified for appointment request. Committee members have nominated Jane Fields to Vice Chair position. The Committee will request that the Mayor honor Carol Lida as Emeritus Chair to the Human Relations Committee.

The Council recognized Yvette and Reggie Anderson of MTN Organization, Inc at its August 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. HR Committee members congratulate the Andersons for their exceptional contribution and services to the Borough.

MTN Organization to host "Tools for School" event on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Court Street School from 3 to 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed and all members are encouraged to attend. Members wishing to volunteer may contact Yvette Anderson at [mtnorganizationis@gmail.com](mailto:mtnorganizationis@gmail.com)

**Next Meeting Date: September 4, 2019**