

Abington HRC: Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2024

Present: Members Kristin Chapin, Michele Cooper, Joanne Kleiner, Shelley Rosenberg, Cheryl Rusten, Justin Williams

Ambassadors: Bonnie Dalzell

The minutes from February 2024 were approved.

Old Business:

AHRC Anti Semitism Video: The video is essentially complete and will be released shortly.

Community Dialogue Training: A member of Tri State has agreed to do a training for interested HRC members on aspects of working with the community TBD. We are particularly interested in learning about facilitating community dialogues. The individual has agreed to get back to the Tri State group (which our member Shelley Rosenberg attends) with some potential topics and meeting options. Once these are presented, we will determine next steps.

Tri State survey: Shelley assisted the Tri State group in reformulating a survey about what HRCs want from Tri State. Once the survey is disseminated, we will fill it out as a group during one of our meetings.

New Business:

Annual Report: Kristin has agreed to update and record the Abington HRC Annual Report for Abington Township which is due in the next month or so.

Next Video message: A suggestion was made to the HRC that we make a statement about Muslim hatred in much the same way we have spoken out on Jewish hatred. Bonnie suggested we build our message around a real incident, if possible. Cheryl will do some research on whether any incidents have happened in Abington or nearby and will also draft a short statement for the group's review. Michele will contact our Abington Police Department liaison, Lt. Kevin Magee, to introduce herself as the new Chair and ask about any local incidents. Following approval of a script, Cheryl, will record the video on our behalf.

Regarding videos, the Township has offered its "green sheet" background for any future videos we might want to record.

Presentations: Justin Williams provided some information about our social media reach. Key points made were as follows:

- As of the end of February we had 850 followers on Facebook and 12 followers on Instagram. These numbers represent increases over prior months.
- Of 7 posts made in February, the most reviewed were the announcements about our change of leadership and that announcing Interfaith Multi Cultural week.

Next meeting: April 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Rusten, Secretary