

Human Relations Commission Minutes: April 12, 2023

Present: Cheryl Rusten, Jeffrey Browne, Rosemary Jenkins, Kristin Chapin, Michele Cooper, Shelley Rosenberg. Guest: Tom Hasani

Minutes of March meeting approved.

Old Business

AAPI Program: The program is scheduled for May 18. From 6:30-7:00, the panelists will meet. The program will take place from 7-9. Teddi Yoshikami, Michele's aunt, will discuss her experiences in Japanese internment camps. Tom will moderate a panel that will include Teddi, Denise Holinbrand, a Korean American who is a cofounder of AAPI MontCo and a member of Make US Visible PA, and Ken Houg, a Chinese American, also a member of Make US Visible and a teacher of Asian history. Tom, who is Persian American, is also a member of Make US Visible and teaches AAPI history in college.

The title of the program will be "Celebrate & Educate: Stories from the AAPI Community. Michele will create a flier and a Facebook presence. We will also cooperate with the Abington School District so that teacher and students will, hopefully, attend. May is AAPI Heritage Month.

Annual Report: Rosemary has kindly agreed to work on this and is using the minutes of our meetings to prepare.

Crip Camp Screening: Commissioner Carswell is sending out dates. We have no additional information on the program or our participation at this time.

Rising White Supremacy Program: We have been invited by the Upper Dublin HRC to join them in sponsoring this program. We had been discussing a program on Antisemitism, which will be included under this "umbrella," along with other issues of race, religion and gender discrimination. Upper Dublin is working with Andrew Goretsky, the Regional Director of the Philadelphia ADL, who has agreed to facilitate an educational program. They are able to hold it in the auditorium of their library, which can accommodate 250 people and a virtual webinar component. The time frame for this event is this coming fall. While UD is planning to give an honorarium, we have no budget for that.