

Abington HRC: Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2024

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

Ambassadors: Bonnie Dalzell

Guests: Madelena Rizzo - Braver Angels, Liz Williams - Abington Public Library

The minutes from June 2024 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Social Media Update

- We gained 7 new Facebook and 1 new Instagram followers last month. Pageviews were down but we posted less this month and it is also summer when people are away.
- Members can forward items to post to Kristin, Michele, Justin, and Rosemary who have posting rights.
- In September we will revisit posting about ourselves and why we are part of the HRC to boost awareness of who we are and what HRC does.

2. Lassiter video update

- Bonnie is working with someone at the library to edit it down so that we can perhaps use it like a PSA.

3. Election Day Planning

- Shelley will work with Michele on a flyer to be provided to people working the polls that will focus on what voter intimidation is and resources available to address it. All resources will be non-partisan.
- Michele confirmed with the police department that they are not permitted into polling sites unless voting as a private citizen or specifically called by the Constable or Judge of Elections.

4. Braver Angels October Event

Most of the meeting was spent discussing this topic. Key points discussed and decided are:

- Madelena Rizzo and Karen Reiner will co-moderate the session.
- We will raise the maximum number of attendees to 75 to accommodate both people working the election and the public.
- AHRC will be the official host of the event to be held at the library.
- We will send an invitation to participate in the Braver Angels workshop to both Democrat and Republican Chairs via email. If they choose, the Chairs will share with their Committee people. We are unsure how to contact the poll workers, but will investigate how they can also be invited to the workshop.
- We will advertise the event at Abington Nite Out via a flyer that Michele is working on.
- We will ask Madelena to set up an EventBrite sign up in time for Abington Nite Out Aug 5.
- We will not ask attendees to identify their political leanings.

5. Human Library Event- defer discussion to September.

6. *Tri-State Training and survey*

- Training will be held by Zoom July 24th at 5:30 p.m. Randy Duque, Deputy Director, Community Relations Division of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, will present on a model called the Dinner-Dialogue Model. It will focus on core components to organize events and facilitate discussions between disparate groups. ZOOM LINK TO FOLLOW

7. *Night Out August 5th*

- Rosemary and Joanne will set up starting around 4:30. Cheryl will drop off materials to one of them prior to August 5.
- We will decide the rest of staffing through an email.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting: No meeting in August due to Nite Out. Next meeting currently scheduled for September 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Rusten, Secretary