

Abington Human Relations Commission

July 13, 2022

Present: Shelley Rosenberg, Joanne Kleiner, Jeffrey Brown, Kristin Chapin, Michele Cooper, Cheryl Rosten

Approved June minutes.

New Business:

Abington Night Out: August 1.

We will have the same spot as usual. Rosemary, Joanne, and Jeffrey will come early to set up the table. We have brochures and will have treats. Kristin will bring fliers from our programs and "Save the Date" cards for upcoming programs.

MLK Day 2023:

The HRC has been asked to facilitate the township's MLK Day observance. We began brainstorming some activities and realized that we need more information before we can plan. Joanne will speak to the appropriate people about the past activities and what we're free to do and the award that is presented and what the stipulations are for it. We are thinking along the lines of a participatory activity for all ages that could be held in person or virtually. It could have to do with art (group or individual), writing, a mural, photography, etc. Or, as in the past, we could interview someone.

Pride Fest:

We weren't aware of when Pride Fest was held and missed it this year. We did participate last year and want to do so in the future. Shelley will contact Morgan Selkirk and get the information well in advance.

AAPI Program:

While we still want to do this program, there are other programs that we think, in light of recent events, should be done sooner. Therefore, we will put this off...perhaps until February.

Possible next program:

Our discussion centered around presenting a discussion on the civil and constitutional rights that we have as Americans and that we have, possibly, taken for granted, and how they are currently being threatened. Joanne will discuss this program with Lori Schreiber before we start planning. The date that we are reserving is Oct. 20.

Petition re Don't Say Gay Bill: Joanne will discuss with Lori whether we are permitted to sign this (or a similar petition) as a Commission or whether we would need to sign it only individually. She will also ask whether we're permitted to publicize it (and similar petitions).

Next meeting: September 7 @ 7:00 pm