

Human Relations Commission Meeting
September 3, 2025
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER - 7:03pm

ROLL CALL

Members: Michele Cooper, Monique Allen, Kristin Chapin, Justin Williams, Bonnie Dalzell
(Community Ambassador)

Community Attendees: Jeremy Rosenbaum

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion to approve minutes from Human Relations Commission meeting of July 2, 2025.

Motion - Kristin Chapin

Second - Monique Allen

PRESENTATION

Social media update

- No update to report
- Justin will post information on Hispanic Heritage Month on socials

Pre-Night Out Re-Cap

- AHRC had a table at the event
- Raised awareness of HRC mission and resources available to community
- Engaged with attendees and other organizations
- Two potential HRC candidates expressed interest

Transgender Rights Rally

- Friday, October 3rd, 6-8pm at Crestmont Park
- AHRC is a partner organization supporting this event
- Michele and Monique possible attendees
- Promote event on socials

Upper Dublin HRC SPLC event (September 11)

- Monique, Bonnie, Justin and Kristin to attend
- Promote on socials

Human Library (Sunday, February 1)

- Tentatively scheduled from February 1, 2026 from 1-4pm
- \$250 donation requests for library to host event
- Recommendation to use available funding to support the event

- Reach out to potential “human books” from individuals who expressed interest last year and brainstorm ideas for new book topics
- Justin to create video from previous participants and books to promote the event
- Honor start of Black History at the event and incorporate Black History themes
- Recommendation made to use \$250 of HRC funds to support Human Library Event
- Could the Library write a donation request letter for local business to get donated food and HRC members can help distribute the request forms

Book Challenge Working Group - update

- HRC members went to meeting where the school district reviewed process for reviewing book challenges
- District working out details of the policy to be approved by the Board
- HRC emphasized being equitable in its application to all involved
- DEI Officer, HRC, Parents, LGBTQ student, and more involved in the session - open process felt like people could contribute
- Dr. Butz led the process and was pleased with community engagement

Open HRC Position - schedule interviews

- Three candidates submitted applications
- Ask Rosemary to coordinate interviews in September
- Confirm whether or not quorum rules apply to vacancy interviews

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Montgomery County is voting to establish a county HRC. Vote will take place tomorrow, 9/4 at 10am include a countywide HRC to be established within 180 days and include 5-7 members
- How is the HRC, Abington Township and Police Department addressing any incidents with ICE within the community. How can we support and advocate for our immigrant community? Michele will reach out to Lt. Magee to see if there is anything new in place. Abington Library hosted training to raise awareness regarding immigrant rights.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jeremy Rosebaum - Running for Ward 2 Commissioner in November
 - Joined the meeting to keep up to date on important issues impacting Abington
 - Thanked HRC for their work
 - Expressed a particular interest in Immigrant Rights in Abington

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