

Abington HRC Meeting

December 1, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE: Shelley Rosenberg, Rosemary Jenkins, Joanne Kleiner, Jeffrey Browne

Previous Meeting Minutes were approved.

Joanne had an interview with the Board of Commissioners. Not hear anything in return. Has been inquiring about Michele's appointment to the HRC.

AAPI Educational Program

Asian American program was postponed. We need to find a better way to promote it and hold it regardless of level of registrants. Record it and put the recording out there. We select the day, mindful of potential conflicts. Then do it and record and share it. Maybe we hold a panel rather than have a viewing of a movie. More impactful and moving to listen to people speak on their own experiences. Humanizes it more for people. Video can be made available as a primer to participants.

Pride Flag

Someone has been coming to Board of Commissioner meetings complaining about the Pride Flag; an Abington resident and active in the Republican party. There are a lot of undercurrents in the Township that we don't always know about.

Reaching out to the School Board to see if there is any support that the HRC can offer in light of recent controversy at school board meetings.

School Board meetings – there is an agenda and very vocal people who come in and ask questions in an attempt to be disruptive or cause something or say something for shock value. So what is the correct platform for us to have a dialogue? We want to teach tolerance but at some point you have get the two parties who are separate on ideological or cultural wavelength to get together and have some type of dialogue.

Looking Ahead to 2022

Potential panel discussion on CRT with area lawyers and specialist and authors who have published texts about CRT.

Also revisit LGBTQ based on Pride Flag incident.

Homework assignments

- Identify potential panelists for the three dialogues

Next meeting is January 5, 2022.

New Business

Thank you Ashley! We made the deadline for info about the HRC to be included in the Abington Township 2022 Calendar.

Joanne and Rosemary met with the newly formed Upper Gwynedd Township HRC on November 18 to share our history and accomplishments.

No Public Comment**Adjournment**