

Commission for Diversity and Tolerance

Meeting Notes

November 3, 2016

Attendance: Beth Horne, temporary Chair, Peter Blaiwas, Shawn Flaherty, Tommy Furlong, Tom Getz, Margaret McQuillan, Rose Robinson, Sheila Trieff
Guests: Stephanie Walsh

Diversity and Tolerance Check-In

- * Graffiti on Little River Trail path- no one knows any updated information about this- update next month
- * Meeting with Mayor, 11/10- Beth Horne and Peter Blaiwas, purpose: to give general update on commission, present communication plan. Next meetings will be with police Marshall and the superintendent for same purposes.
- * K. Preftes will meet with school principals re: communication plan and Day of Service. S. Flaherty and M. McQuillan are also willing to assist.
- * CDT Name Change- follow-up next month
- * S. Flaherty invited two teachers of English as a Second Language to come to December meeting.

Approval of October Meeting Minutes, approved as amended.

Agenda-

- **Day of Service-** Agreed on date, **Sunday, April 2** and reviewed letter P. Blaiwas wrote explaining project. Brainstormed various groups to receive letter and designated board members to get contact information: PB will reach out to Donna for a Master List, ST will gather congregations' info, SF will manage service organizations, city council, principals and school guidance, MM will contact AJH, Avita, Atria, health related programs, and nursing homes, RR will get contact info for Nbpt Youth Services, and SW offered to get contact info for various sports groups in Nbpt. All contact info should be sent by 11/15 to: nbptcdt@gmail.com PB would like to mail letter by 11/18.
- Next month- work on worksheet for Day of Service, a template including how many volunteers would be needed at this site, the amount of time estimated to complete project and suggested age of volunteers for specific project.
- **Clergy Association-** ST reported on attending their October meeting and Rabbi Ben Resnick's interest in serving as liaison with CDT. He will attend the December meeting. The Clergy Association has a group working on an educational presentation by the group about various religions in the city. They will stay in touch about sharing information with CDT.
- **One Book/One City-** TG reported on Michael Eatman's impressions of his interactions with the seniors at NHS and the 45+ residents who

attended 11/2 discussion at NPLibrary. S. Viccaro has followed up with Michael Eatman to plan future programming.

- **Waking Up White-** Suggested this agenda item for discussion at January meeting.
- **Community Needs Assessments-** PB will make some changes adding religion, age and disability/physical challenge at end of part I, and add an option for an email address, gender and age. Brainstorm where this should go: Library, newspaper, congregations, FB page, NextDoor sites, NHS.
- **YWCA Monthly Community Task Force-** PB reported about his attendance at this meeting with Ellie Davis, YWCA. This group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 11:30 at the Brown School. PB found it very interesting, mentioned Tracy Watson, the new NBPT Housing Director will be speaking at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila J. Trieff