

## Newburyport Human Rights Commission

### Newburyport Public Library

January 5, 2017

Attendance: Beth Horne, Tom Getz, Rose Robinson, Kathleen Shaw, Margaret McQuillan, Caroline Walsh, Judy LaCroix, Shawn Flaherty, Sheila Trieff, Peter Blaiwas, Hannah Wilson, Victoria Carr

#### Check In

- Kat had left info from Andrea Egmont (NYS) RE: youth leadership programming during summer for middle school students. Topics include special needs, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, social justice
- Kathleen provided info on NYS's next service trip to Kenya during July 2017
- Shelia provided possible program by MA Immigration and Refugee Advisory Coalition to inform local police department about immigrants and "cooperation with ICE detainees." This will be placed on next month's agenda

#### Old Business

- Approval of December meeting notes
- Vote on new commissioner

#### New Business

- Beth: Discussion of HRC Org Chart of Commissioner Responsibilities. Brainstorming around various roles: Roles- Secretary, Treasurer, Peace Prize, Mini Grants, Website, Facebook, Public Relations, Day of Service, Liaison to Police, School, Wet Paint. At next meeting, discussion of additional roles and determination of which roles each commissioners would assume
- Peter: Suggested that when commissioners speak there would be a 3 minute limit
- Beth: Offered to put time limits on each item on the agenda
- Shawn: Press Release for HRC reviewed. Corrections made and will be sent back to commissioners for further review
- Peter: Presented next steps for April 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Service. Invitations were sent to 47 possible service sites including schools, houses of worship, and non profits. Follow up emails will be made. A sub committee was formed to continue planning including Shawn Flaherty, Sheila Trieff, Margaret Mc Quillan, Peter Blaiwas and Judy LaCroix.
- Sheila: Presented report from her attendance at the Greater Newburyport Interfaith Clergy Group. Their membership wants to do an event similar to the Muslim education program which took place last year at the synagogue. Sheila will get in touch with the clergy group for clarification and further information.
- Judy: Provided a Mini Grant Final Report form which she created. It will be sent to last year's Mini Grant recipients
- Possible dates for the Peace Prize were discussed. The public school will be contacted to check on any possible date conflict

Check In: Kat had left info from Andrea Egmont NYS RE: Youth Leadership Program. It will take place during summer 2017.