



Clinton Human Rights Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 7:00 pm

- **Call to Order** - Meeting began at 7:01 pm
- **Roll Call:**

Amanda Corcoran - Present	Laurie King - Absent
Ava Crayton, <i>Vice Chair</i> – Present	Leah Scoppa, <i>Student Advisor</i> - Present
Laurie Jaffe, <i>Secretary</i> – Present	Abby Roccapiore - Present
Tom Shultz, <i>Chair</i> – Present.	Anadaly Lopez, <i>Student Advisor</i> - Present
- **Guests** – None.
- **Approval of September Meeting Minutes** – Abby made a motion to approve the minutes and Amanda seconded. Minutes approved.
- **Correspondence** – See discussion below regarding “Messaging.”
- **Relationship with Clinton Public Schools** – Tom
Tom had nothing new to report.
- **Morgan School news** – Leah and Anadaly
Leah reported that she is continuing to work on getting students registered to vote. Anadaly noted that 23 students will be 18 years old by Election Day. Both Leah and Anadaly noted the ongoing planning for Human Rights Day, which is December 7, 2023.
- **Outdoor Chautauqua summer program at the library** – Tom and Laurie
Tom reported that he and Laurie will meet next week to discuss possible topics for the series. Any member with ideas for topics should contact them. Tom thought one of the programs could discuss AI issues.
- **Upcoming, ongoing and future library programs** – Tom and Ava
Ava reported that she has left messages for Sarah, at HCH Library, but has not heard back; Ava will follow up. Tom noted that the film “More Than a Word,” about Native American mascots, will be shown at the library on Wednesday, November 1st

at 6:00 p.m. The presentation is co-sponsored by the library and the CHRC. The superintendent of the Guilford Public Schools will speak after the film about the recent name change of the Guilford High School team mascot.

- **Social Media** – Tom
Tom reported that he continues to post about upcoming events of interest.
 - **Health Equity ideas/communications** – Amanda
No discussion.
 - **Podcast/video storytelling presence** – Tom
No discussion.
 - **Messaging – Brainstorm ideas for catchy slogan on yard signs, stickers** -Tom
Tom reported that Karl Kilduff, Town Manager, contacted him about the messages that the CHRC would like to have displayed on the Town electronic message board. Mr. Kilduff told Tom that there are spacing limits on the message board and that the quotes need to have accompanying citations. Tom will follow up with him about these issues.
 - **Statement on Equity update** – Tom
Prior to the meeting, Tom had circulated the statement to committee members. Tom reported that he submitted the statement to the Town.
 - **Ongoing discussion of targets and goals** – All
Tom would like committee members to think about how we can best pursue our mission and goals, and to be prepared to discuss these matters at our next meeting,
 - **New Business**
Tom confirmed that he, Ava and Laurie J. have agreed to continue serving in their respective positions into the new year. He noted that his initial three-year appointment to the CHRC expires on July 1, 2024, and that might be an appropriate time for a new Chair to be elected.
- Several topics were suggested for future programs, including gender-based violence, human trafficking, disabilities, addiction and recovery, and a Pride event in June.
- **Adjournment**
Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Ava and seconded by Amanda. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.