



## Clinton Human Rights Committee

### Minutes

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 7:00 pm

- **Call to Order** - Meeting began at 7:02 pm
- **Roll Call:**

Amanda Corcoran - Present	Anadaly Lopez, <i>Student Advisor</i> - Present
Ava Crayton, <i>Vice Chair</i> - Present	Abby Roccapriore - Absent
Mary Jane Engel - Present	Leah Scoppa, <i>Student Advisor</i> - Absent
Laurie Jaffe, <i>Secretary</i> - Present	Tom Shultz, <i>Chair</i> - Present
Laurie King - Present (arrived 7:22 pm)	
- **Guests** – None. Tom welcomed new CHRC member Mary Jane Engel (“MJ”).
- **Approval of October Meeting Minutes** – Ava made a motion to approve the minutes and Amanda seconded. Minutes approved AIF.
- **Correspondence** – None.
- **Relationship with Clinton Public Schools** – Tom  
Tom had nothing new to report.
- **Morgan School news** – Leah and Anadaly  
Anadaly reported that the Social Justice Club will be going on a field trip to the United Nations on December 8<sup>th</sup>. She further noted there will be fewer speakers at the Human Rights Day program this year (on December 7<sup>th</sup>) than there were last year. Also, posters about suicide prevention will be put up around the school.
- **Outdoor Chautauqua summer program at the library** – Tom and Laurie  
Tom reported that he and Laurie discussed the following possible topics for the 2024 series: AI; on-line fraud (especially targeting seniors); housing; men as allies for women; hospice care; coastal resiliency; disabilities; and integration of newcomers to Clinton whose first language is not English. Ava expressed interest in programs on AI and coastal resiliency. MJ raised the possibility of holding the programs during a different month; the

consensus was that the July to early August time frame works well. Tom and Laurie will continue planning for the series.

- **Upcoming, ongoing and future library programs** – Tom and Ava  
Tom stated that several films are being considered for the winter documentary film series, including the following: “Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: A Historical Perspective;” “Look Away, Look Away” (about the fallout following the murders of nine Black churchgoers in South Carolina in 2015); and a film about Sacco and Vanzetti (Italian American immigrant anarchists who were convicted of murder in 1921 and executed in 1927). Ava reported she is continuing to work on finding a speaker for a winter program.
- **Social media** – Tom  
Tom reported that he continues to post about events of interest.
- **Health Equity ideas/communications** – Amanda  
Amanda had nothing new to report. She thought that a presentation on the affordability of childcare would be a timely and helpful program. She also noted that she and Abby want to have a table at a Pride event or a First Thursday.
- **Podcast/video storytelling presence** – Tom  
Tom had nothing new to report.
- **Messaging – brainstorm ideas for catchy slogan on yard signs, stickers** -Tom  
Tom had nothing new to report.
- **Statement on Equity update** – Tom  
Tom stated that going forward, he will work with the Town Council on any revisions to be made to the statement.
- **Ongoing discussion of targets and goals – implementing our mission statement** - All  
Tom wondered if we should be searching for grants to fund the Committee’s programs. It was noted that the CHRC, as a Town committee, cannot obtain funding itself, but can propose ideas for funding to the Town Council. MJ offered to search for possible funding sources.
- **New Business**  
Laurie K. noted that the Committee might be interested in learning about CoDE (Coalition on Diversity & Equity), based in Hebron. She also noted she would be willing to facilitate book discussion at the library. She will contact Sarah Borgnis-Tobin about this.

- **Adjournment**

Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Amanda and seconded by MJ. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.