



Clinton Human Rights Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 7:00 pm

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

- **Roll Call:**

Amanda Corcoran - Present

Ava Crayton, *Vice Chair* - Absent

Laurie Jaffe, *Secretary* – Present

Natalie Jones - Absent

David Melillo, *ex officio member* - Absent

Abby Roccapriore – Absent

Josue Rodriguez, *Student Advisor* - Absent

Brendan Saunders - Present

Leah Scoppa, *Student Advisor* – Present

Tom Shultz, *Chair* – Present

- **Guests** – Daniel Highkin

Daniel (Danny) is an 11th grader at Morgan who is interested in joining the CHRC. Tom noted that there will be a student seat available when Abel graduates in the spring.

- **Approval of December Minutes**

Brendan made a motion to approve the minutes.

Amanda seconded.

Meeting minutes approved.

- **Correspondence**

Tom noted that he received a letter from Ileana Mendoza of the Center for Policing Equity, which is working with the Clinton Police Department. Tom will speak with Ms. Mendoza next month.

Clinton Community Conversations on Suicide – David

A Community Conversation is being held tonight, which David and Abby are attending.

- **Relationship with Clinton Public Schools** – Tom

Tom reported that the Social Justice Club asked him to design a logo. He would like the process to be interactive and is reaching out to the students for their ideas.

- **Morgan School news** – Abel, Leah
Leah noted that the current focus of the Social Justice Club is to expand its membership. To that end, the club is having an Open House next Tuesday morning. She also noted the club’s interest in the new logo.
- **Outdoor Chautauqua summer program at the library** – Tom and Laurie
Tom reported that he and Laurie met recently to discuss the program, which will consist of four presentations in July and early August. One topic – the Witness Stones Project – has already been selected. Laurie and Tom suggested three other topics – ageing, bullying, and antisemitism. Amanda suggested that in addition to the *Chautauqua* series, the committee do a presentation on LGBTQ+ issues, perhaps in June, which is Pride Month. She will explore this possibility with Tom.
- **Documentary series at library Winter 2023** – Tom and Ava
Tom reported that the third film in the series, about media literacy, will be presented this Saturday. He noted that there were about a dozen attendees at each of the first two film showings.
- **Social Media** – Tom
Tom said he continues to post on social media. No other discussion.
- **Health Equity ideas/communications** – Amanda
Amanda noted that she would be willing to do a presentation on women’s health issues.
- **Research and demographics** - Laurie, David
No new discussion.
- **Grants** - Laurie, David, Tom
No new discussion.
- **Podcast/video storytelling presence** – Brendan, Tom
Brendan reported that the CHRC YouTube channel is now set up. The link to the channel is <https://www.youtube.com/@chrclintonhumanrightscomm8638>. Brendan also noted that he has completed two long-form interviews and another one is in process. Also, he would like student input on his projects and thought that perhaps students in the Social Justice Club might be interested.
- **Messaging** - Tom, Natalie
Tom reported that he has not yet been able to set up a meeting with Natalie and David awaiting a response from Natalie.
- **Afghan Refugee Resettlement with IRIS** - Ava.
No new discussion.

- **Statement on Equity update** – Tom and Ava
Tom reported that he is waiting for input from Eric Bergman. Also, the Clinton Board of Education is working on a statement on equity.
- **Ongoing discussion of targets and goals** – All
No new discussion.
- **New Business**
No discussion.
- **Adjournment**
Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion was made by Amanda and seconded by Brandon.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm