



## Clinton Human Rights Committee

# Minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 7:00 pm

- Call to Order - Meeting began at 7:05 pm
- Roll Call:

Amanda Corcoran - Present	Brendan Saunders - Absent
Ava Crayton, <i>Vice Chair</i> - Present	Leah Scoppa, <i>Student Advisor</i> - Present
Laurie Jaffe, <i>Secretary</i> – Absent	Tom Shultz, <i>Chair</i> - Present
Natalie Jones – Absent	Caitlin Turner - Absent
Josue Rodriquez, <i>Student Advisor</i> – Present	David Melillo, <i>ex officio member</i> - Present
- Guests – None. Farida Ahangari, *SOS for Refugees* rescheduled for the May 26 meeting
- Correspondence - None
- Approval of March, 2022 Minutes tabled until May meeting due to lack of a quorum
- Status of mandated return to in-person meetings beginning in May was discussed. Tom clarified that due to COVID concerns Clinton will continue the option of Zoom meetings. The consensus was that online meetings are the committee’s preference. Abel and Amanda raised the possibility to conduct an in-person meeting in an outdoor setting during Summer of early Fall. To be discussed at May meeting.
- Morgan School news - Leah, Abel, Tom  
Abel reported that the Social Justice Club Project to collect school supplies for elementary school students arriving in Clinton from other countries has been a big success. Tom, Abel and Leah reported on the forward progress of the “Instagrammable Clinton” mural project and that the students have met in person with the mural artist Jaii Mac Renee to plan the theme and design. It was reported about a successful aid for Ukraine fundraising initiative.
- Meetings with HCH Library – Tom and Laurie  
Tom updated on the development of the “Chautauqua” summer lecture series to be held 5 Wednesday evenings in July and August and discussed suggested topics.  
Natalie and Tom will solicit food vendors to donate to the programs
- Social media – Tom  
Tom continues to share relevant news and topics on Facebook.

- Health Equity ideas/communications – Amanda  
No new discussion
- Research and demographics – Laurie, David  
No new discussion
- Grants – Laurie, David, Tom  
David discussed availability of Rent Support through ARPA grants to Clinton Human Services
- Podcast/video storytelling presence – Brendan, Tom  
Brendan travelling. No discussion
- Messaging – brainstorm ideas for yard signs, stickers – All, Tom, Natalie  
No new discussion
- Afghan Refugee Resettlement with IRIS – Ava  
Ava and Tom report receiving private support of \$1400 for purchase of a laptop computer and grocery cards for a town refugee family and other donated toiletry and paper items
- Statement on Equity update – Ava  
Tom discussed some changes to draft. TBD
- Ongoing discussion of targets and goals – All  
Tom shared experiences from attending Facilitating Courageous Conversations 9 hour workshop and of beginning the 10 week Clinton Police Citizens Academy classes.
- New Business  
No discussion
- Adjournment  
Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion was made by Natalie and Ava seconded  
Motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.