



Clinton Human Rights Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 7:00 pm

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

Amanda Corcoran - Present	Laurie King - Present
Ava Crayton, <i>Vice Chair</i> – Present	Leah Scoppa, Student Advisor - Present
Laurie Jaffe, <i>Secretary</i> – Present	Abby Roccapriore - Absent
Natalie Jones – Absent	Tom Shultz, <i>Chair</i> - Present
- **Guests** – None
- **Approval of June Meeting Minutes** – Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes. Laurie K. seconded. Minutes approved.
- **Correspondence** – None
- **Relationship with Clinton Public Schools** – Tom
Tom noted that in August he will send a letter to Ms. Chausse, the faculty sponsor of the Morgan Social Justice Club, about selecting a new student member for the CHRC. Tom and Abby will interview interested students.
- **Morgan School news** – Leah
Leah noted that she and several other students have been recruiting new students for the Social Justice Club.
- **Outdoor Chautauqua summer program at the library** – Tom and Laurie
Tom reported that Myra Clark-Siegel, the speaker for “Rising Anti-Semitism” (the second program), participated by Zoom rather than in person. He thought the presentation went well and that it raised important issues. Tom mentioned one of Ms. Clark-Siegel’s observations – that in view of rising antisemitic sentiment, some people have changed their behavior, for example, not wearing religious symbols. David Melillo will be the speaker for the final program on August 2 (“The Impact of Bullying”).

- **Social Media** – Tom
Tom reported that the *Chautauqua* program has been advertised on social media.
- **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, David, Natalie
Tom noted that just before tonight’s meeting he sent committee members 12 possible messages for display on the Town’s electronic message board. Laurie commented on one of the messages. Tom will continue to review the messages before making a final decision.
- **Statement on Equity update** – Tom
Tom reported he has been in contact with members of the Sustainability Committee about the statement. The next step is to present the statement to the Town Council.
- **Ongoing discussion of targets and goals** – All
Tom noted that Sarah Borgnis-Tobin, at the library, suggested a Halloween program about witchcraft in Connecticut. A speaker from the Connecticut Historical Society is available for a \$200 fee. Sarah will find out if the library can fund this. Tom said that any committee member who has ideas about possible library programs should contact him.
- **New Business**
No discussion.
- **Adjournment**
Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Amanda and seconded by Ava. Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.