

Village of Glencoe Human Relations Forum

Meeting Minutes March 26, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Glencoe Human Relations Forum, held in the Village Hall, Hagenah Conference Room, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on the 26th day of March, 2014 by Chairperson Wood.

The following members were present:

Reverend David Wood, Chairperson
Scott Pearce, Village Board Representative
Paula Alexander
Margot Flanagin
Peggy Wagner-Kimble
John O'Dwyer
Cary Lewandowski, Ex-officio Member

The following members were absent:

Hilary Price
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein

Also in attendance:

Steven Arenson, prospective new member

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2014 MEETING

The minutes of the February 19, 2014 meeting were approved - Motion by Member Flanagin, Second by Member Wagner-Kimble, all in favor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None – There were no members from the public in attendance.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM MEMBER, JOHN O'DWYER

Mr. O'Dwyer introduced himself to the group; he looks forward to serving the Village through the Forum. Prospective Member Mr. Arenson also introduced himself; citing his interest in the community as his motivation to participate. All Forum members likewise introduced themselves to the assembled membership.

5. COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Chairperson Wood initiated a conversation regarding an open house event as discussed previously. The goal is to introduce newly hired staff

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to the community, specifically Village Manager Phil Kiraly and Director of Public Safety Cary Lewandowski; Park District Executive Director Lisa Sheppard and Library Executive Director Juli Janovicz may also be asked to participate. Members discussed the open house option, but decided to partner with a larger public event, in an effort to reach a wide audience. A consensus was reached to conduct a “meet and greet” immediately following the Memorial Day parade. Chairperson Wood will discuss this option with President Levin before moving forward. Further details will be discussed at the next Forum meeting – refreshments, advertising, budget, partnerships, etc.

6. FOURTH OF JULY

Members noted that the Park District now manages the talent portion of the program. Forum members discussed the food drive event, and will coordinate sponsorship.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the mission of the Forum. Chairperson Wood will disseminate the Mission Statement and other applicable documents and/or codes related to the Forum for discussion at the next meeting. Members are seeking to define and clarify the Forum’s mission as well as methods of communication to the community.

Moving forward, members will attempt identify other venues for community interactions, while seeking opportunities to determine the needs of the community.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. - Motion by Member Flanagin, Second by Member Alexander, all in favor.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday April 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.