

Village of Glencoe Human Relations Forum

Meeting Minutes April 16, 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 6:40 p.m. on the 16th day of April, 2014 by Chairperson Wood.

The following members were present:

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

The following members were absent:

Paula Alexander
Hilary Price (resigned)
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein
Peggy Wagner-Kimble (resigned)

Also in attendance:

Steven Arenson, potential new member
Reverend Norris Jackson, Jr., potential new member

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2014 MEETING

The minutes of the March 26, 2014 meeting were approved - Motion by Member Flanagin, Second by Member O'Dwyer, all in favor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

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

4. INTRODUCTION OF POTENTIAL NEW HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM MEMBER, REVEREND NORRIS JACKSON, Jr.

Reverend Jackson introduced himself to the group; he has been in Glencoe for four years and he is excited to be part of the Forum. All Forum members likewise introduced themselves to the assembled membership.

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5. MEET AND GREET EVENT ON MEMORIAL DAY

Member Flanagin reported that she discussed the event with the Village Manager, who supports the event as proposed by the Forum. Chairperson Wood will follow up to clarify the details and logistics of the event, which will immediately follow the parade. The goal is to introduce newly hired staff to the community, specifically Village Manager Phil Kiraly, Director of Public Safety Cary Lewandowski, Park District Executive Director Lisa Sheppard, and Library Executive Director Juli Janovicz. Further details will be discussed at the next Forum meeting – food and beverage sponsors, location, etc.

6. FOURTH OF JULY

This item was tabled until the next meeting for further discussion.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose and function of the Forum. Members reviewed the Purpose and Function document, as posted on the Village website, as well as the applicable Village Ordinance, Chapter 10A, Article II, Human Relations. Member Pearce led a discussion geared to identifying the scope and impact of the Forum, while working within the parameters as defined by ordinance. The group shared ideas for aligning the Forum. In the end, members agreed that the immediate mission of the Forum is to ‘foster Human Relations Forum awareness and cultivate community unity and respect by bringing people together; and when needed, helping to resolve issues and disputes’. Success will be defined by the Forum’s ability to have a positive impact on the Glencoe community. Future discussions will address specific goals and methods for achieving success in the defined mission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. - Motion by Member Flanagin, Second by Member Pearce, all in favor.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.