VILLAGE OF GLENCOE HUMAN RELATIONS FORUM

MEETING MINUTES February 15, 2012 6:30 p.m.

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 6:42 p.m. on the 15th day of February 2012.

The following members were present:

Deborah Cogan, Chairperson Hillary Price Peggy Wagner-Kimble Joel Heifitz Andrea Fox Mike Volling, Ex-officio member

The following members were absent:

Patricia Cantor Keki Bhote Paula Alexander Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein Margot Flanagin

2. <u>APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2011 MEETING</u>

The minutes of the November 16, 2011 were approved. Motion by Member Wagner-Kimble, Second by Member Fox.

3. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT TIME</u>

None.

4. <u>REPORT ON FOOD AND TOY DRIVE</u>

Deborah Cogan shared information received from Katie Sweeney regarding the annual food and toy drive. Donations received totaled \$3,302.50. HRF was able to collect \$278. The drive used the money to purchase Wal-Mart gift certificates, Gift cards from Grand Foods, Coats, toy, and food. Deliveries were made to 60 Senior Citizens and Disabled adults, 40 families, 74 children, and 10 pets.

Discussion was held on what the HRF might be able to do to help Katie with the food drive next year. The suggestion of sending a donation request with the Village water bill or advertising the drive in the Village Newsletter was discussed. Deb Cogan will ask Katie to attend a future HRF meeting to pursue other options.

5. WEBSITE

Discussion was held on using the website as a source of local information. There was concern that many residents don't know about the website and discussion was held on how to direct people to it. Suggestions included putting a link on the Village of Glencoe website and making mention in the Glencoe Memo. There was also talk of using the HRF website to provide Public Safety information on Fire Safety, Crime Prevention, and Public Education. Members elected to continue the discussion at a future HRF meeting.

6. <u>CALENDAR</u>

Deb Cogan mentioned that the HRF is busy in the Fall with the Village Vehicle Sticker contest, the Winter with the Food and Toy Drive, and Summer with the 4th of July Talent Show. Discussion was held on what the HRF might be able to do in the spring. Suggestions included hosting Heart to Heart programs throughout the Village and Go Green programs. Members were asked to give thought to the idea and continue discussion at the next meeting.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the Community Garden being planted near Phil Thomas Park. The HRF will become involved in various programs and community events on a case by case basis as determined by the HRF members.

8. <u>NEXT MEETING</u>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 21, 2012.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by Member Joel Heifitz, Second by Member Hilary Price.