

Village of Glencoe
Human Relations Forum

Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2013

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 19th day of June, 2013 by Chairperson Cogan.

The following members were present:

Deborah Cogan, Chairperson
Paula Alexander
Hillary Price
Peggy Wagner Kimble
Karen Parker
Scott Pearce, Village Board Representative
Alan Kebby, Ex-officio Member

The following members were absent:

Margot Flanagin
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 15, 2013 MEETING

The minutes of the May 15, 2013 meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

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

4. INTRODUCTIONS / RECOGNITION - APPOINTEES / MEMBERS

Members of the HRF welcomed new village board member, Scott Pearce, to the Human Relations Forum. Chairperson Cogan provided Mr. Pearce with a history of the Forum and an overview of its duties, responsibilities and its accomplishments within the Village, since its creation in 1997. Mr. Pearce thanked the Forum for their warm welcome and overview. Mr. Pearce looks forward to working with HRF members to assist with its commitment to fostering and maintaining a strong sense of community among all Glencoe residents and to acknowledge the value of diversity and human relations within the Glencoe community.

5. JULY 4TH TALENT SHOW

HRF members will have a difficult time sponsoring the annual July 4th Talent Show due to the loss of Joel Heifitz as a member of the HRF. Joel has been the MC at past talent shows and will be missed by all. In addition, the HRF has lost other members making their ability to plan and staff the show difficult at best, therefore, HRF members have decided not to sponsor the talent show this year. The Park District, however, has agreed to sponsor the event, in conjunctions with their holiday activities planned. Chairperson Cogan has been in contact with the Park District and has offered them HRF assistance in the planning of the show. Additional meetings between Park District and HRF are pending.

6. MEMBERSHIP / STRATEGIC PLAN

The HRF is still in need of several new members. Former member Joel Heifitz located a resident who may be interested in serving on the HRF. Chairperson Cogan will follow up with the individual to see if she is interested in serving on the forum and will speak with the Village President.

Additional discussions were conducted related to creating a strategic plan with regards to goals and objectives the HRF would like to pursue in the future. A survey of the membership will be conducted by Chairperson Cogan. The results of the survey, once completed, will be discussed at future meetings.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Member Margot Flanagan recently suffered a bad fall and fractured her leg. She is still having some difficulty getting around and wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting. Her presence was missed and the HRF members in attendance continue to wish her a speedy recovery.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All members in favor.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday July 17th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.