

Village of Glencoe
Human Relations Forum

Meeting Minutes
April 17, 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 6:38 p.m. on the 17th day of April, 2013 by Chairperson Cogan.

The following members were present:

Deborah Cogan, Chairperson
Paula Alexander
Hillary Price
Peggy Wagner Kimble
Karen Parker
Rabbi Steven Stark Lowenstein (left early due to a schedule conflict)
Mike Volling, Ex-officio Member

The following members were absent:

Keki Bhote
Joel Heifitz
Margot Flanagin

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14, 2012 MEETING

The minutes of November 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

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

4. HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Members briefly reviewed information provided by CSO Katie Sweeney at the November 14, 2012 meeting. The information she presented was very detailed and informative. Chairperson Cogan stressed the value and benefit of taking the time to collect donations and how so many people in the community stepped up to contribute. Several people - at least one who remained anonymous – made generous donations to the drive. Donations were initially down from last year, but several last minute and very generous donations enabled Katie to purchase items she didn't think would be possible.

5. HEART TO HEART

A review of the Heart to Heart talks hosted throughout the Village in previous years was initiated. Discussion started with a review of a Public Safety incident in which a bicyclist was cited for riding through a construction zone last summer. Public Safety created an "Advisory Panel" to assist department personnel in understanding concerns of the community and creating a forum to discuss those concerns. The idea was well received and determined to be of great value by the panel members. The HRF discussed the value in taking these talks into the community on a wider scale for more people to participate. It was agreed there would be wide spread interest from residents who would be interested in an opportunity to meet public safety officers and ask questions. The HRF will pursue this concept at future meetings and attempt to set a "Public Safety" night in September or October.

6. CALENDAR

Much of what would be discussed under "calendar" has already been covered under 4th of July, Food & Toy Drive, and Heart to Heart talks; therefore, there was no additional discussion on a calendar.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the annual July 4th talent show. Member Joel Heifitz was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but was contacted by telephone and asked if he would be willing to be the Master of Ceremonies again at this year's event. He agreed and said he would locate a DJ to handle the music. Member Rabbi Lowenstein was unable to stay for the entire meeting, but will be contacted to see if Am Shalom can again donate T-shirts for the talent show participants. Some discussion was held on what would happen if rain forced a cancellation of the talent show. Member Wagner-Kimble made a suggestion that talent show posters no longer include the "year" since July 4th occurs on the same date every year. It was agreed this would save money in the long run and the idea was quickly adopted by the other HRF members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. by Member Wagner-Kimble, Second by Member Karen Parker.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.