

Minutes for the 2/2/10 Meeting of the Human Rights Commission

Present: Val Ginn, Christine Andrews, Michael Munroe, Ken Freidenberg, Karen Faust, Barbara Wiley, Theresa Claffey, Louisa Rickard, Phyllis DiCara, Steve Parker

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes from the 1/19/10 HRC meeting were approved and seconded.

The first order of business was the **Newington's Got Talent Fund Raiser**.

The following topics were discussed:

NCTV: Scott Allo from NCTV updated the HRC on the progress of NCTV's involvement in the Fund Raiser. Scott said that he was glad that he attended the auditions on 1/30/10 as it gave him a good idea of what will be needed for NCTV's technical needs. He emphasized that the biggest problem for the show will be the audio. There are two people needed for the audio - an Audio Operator and an Audio Assistant. Scott said that Dave from NCTV will be at the next HRC meeting to talk about the audio portion of the show. It was determined that a sound system will not need to be rented but that a CD player will be needed. Scott said that lighting will be important for the cameras. Val said that she contacted the Show Lighting Company and that the HRC can rent two spot lights for the night of the show for \$50. Scott said that NCTV should be able to wire two microphones for the judges of the show to use. There will need to be mics on the stage and hand held mics for Steve Parker and Gary Byron. The HRC will provide the batteries for the mics that need them. Scott will email Ken Freidenberg with how many batteries are needed. Feedback for the mics was another area for potential problems with the audio. Scott said that the NCTV volunteer at the audio mixing table should be able to help with this problem. Scott stated that he talked to Cox Cable and has reserved the needed equipment for the February 16th rehearsal and the February 26th show. Cox Cable will also supply any extension cords that are needed. It was confirmed that the Chamber seats in front of the stage cannot be moved. Scott has a NCTV volunteer for the floor director position and he also has another volunteer to change the CD's for the acts music needs. Scott left the meeting at 7:30.

Show Production: It was agreed that the time of the show would be from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM or so. The HRC agreed that a 10 minute intermission would be part of the show. Val reported that she inquired about renting a piano for the show and that the cost would be \$450. The HRC agreed that \$450 was too expensive. Karen Faust said that Eric B. from NHS has an electric keyboard that can be used for the event. The show contestants will have two options – use the piano that is already in the Council Chambers or use the electric keyboard. Contestant Todd M. has an amp for his act. Other acts will need to bring their own amps unless Todd M. allows them to use his amp. The acts will be limited to 5 minutes or less. Acts will be advised to dress appropriately for the actual show. Val reported that Bob from the New Britain Rep Theater will come the night before the event to set up the glittery curtain and he will also take it down the next day after the show. Christine said that she would update the Fund Raiser project plan and email it to all HRC members.

Auditions: It was reported that there were 44 acts that auditioned on 1/30/10. There were 3 acts that could not be at the audition. It was agreed that these 3 acts could audition on the night of the rehearsal on 2/16/10. Val said that she would make sure the Council Chambers are reserved for 2/16. The HRC members that were at the 1/30 auditions voted on 27 acts that will be in the show on Feb 26th. Karen said that she would make up a master list of which acts that were in and which acts did not make the cut, and email the list to all HRC members. It was agreed to notify those acts which are in the show first, and then notify those act which will not be participating in the show. Val, Karen, and Christine offered to stay after the meeting to divide up the list of 44 acts and decide who would notify them. When notified, the acts will be told that seating is limited and they will not be able to reserve tickets. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Tickets will only be sold at the Human Services Office from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Monday – Friday. The HRC determined that some tickets will need to be reserved for those acts that did not make the final cut. Acts will be told that they need to arrive at 6:00 PM on the night of the show and be ready to go on stage by 6:45 PM. Acts will be told that they need to sign the release forms before the actual day of the show and that release forms can be obtained at the Human services Dept.

Advertising: The HRC agreed that a flyer promoting the show on the 26th should be made up and distributed to the schools and the general public. Christine said that she will modify the existing flyer and email it to Ken. Val said that she would email Channel 3 to see if the Fund Raiser could appear on the Tina around Town show.

Sponsors: Val reported that pictures of the sponsors will appear in Newington Life and the Town Crier. Four tickets will be reserved for the sponsors.

Rehearsal: On the 16th it was planned that there would be no acts at the rehearsal – it would just be a technical run through. Steve Parker was adamant that the acts be included in the rehearsal on the 16th so that the final show could be more successfully produced. It was brought up that the Newington schools are on vacation during the week of the 16th. The other option would be to have the rehearsal on the 23rd. Val said that she contact Scott Allo to see if NCTV and the Cox cable equipment would be available on the 23rd. The final option would be to tell acts that if they cannot be at the rehearsal on the 16th then they cannot participate in the show. The acts that did not make the final cut could then be added to the show

The next HRC meeting will be on 2/9/10 at 7:00 PM.

There was no **Other Business**.

There was no **Public Participation**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michael Munroe