

Minutes for the 4/28/09 meeting of the Newington Human Rights Commission:

Present: Monica Golec, Michael Munroe, Christine Andrews, Val Ginn, Scott McBride

Absent: Ken Freidenberg, Tim Manke, Phyllis DiCara

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

The minutes from the 3/24/09 HRC meeting were approved and seconded.

Several HRC members commended HRC Secretary Michael Munroe for his work in compiling the minutes of the HRC meetings.

The first order of business was the **Memorial Day Parade Saturday May 23, 2009:**

Val Ginn reported that the HRC is signed up and all set to march in the Parade. Val stated that the Special Olympics and Newington High School will provide participants to march with the HRC in the parade. Monica Golec and Christine Andrews will be unable to march in the parade due to prior commitments. Scott McBride stated that he was unsure if he would be available to march in the Parade. Scott said that he should know of his availability in the near future. Michael Munroe stated that he and his wife would be available to march in the parade. Christine went online and presented the HRC members with possible costumes available for HRC members to wear in the parade to promote the Human Services Food Bank Program. HRC members gave her feedback on which costumes might be the most appropriate to wear. Christine stated that she would investigate the availability of these costumes and also research other costumes that might be available. Val offered to talk to Ken Freidenberg about the HRC using the Human Services Food Bank sign that is presently located at Shaw's Supermarket. This sign could then be carried in the parade as a way of promoting the Food Bank. HRC members that are walking in the parade are encouraged to be at Badger Field at 9:30 am on May 23, 2009 in order to prepare for the start of the parade at 10:30 am. HRC members that are participating should also email their cell phone numbers to Val Ginn as the start of the parade can be a hectic time.

There was no **Human Services Department Report** submitted to the HRC at this meeting.

There were two items reported in the **Other Business** part of the meeting:

- 1) It was agreed that the Newington Schools and St Mary's Church should be contacted to see if they would be interested in participating in future HRC food drives.
- 2) Christine suggested that the HRC have an email sign up sheet at the HRC booth at the Waterfall Festival to alert interested citizens of future HRC food drive times and locations.

It was agreed that the next HRC meeting would take place in early September with an exact date to be determined in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Michael Munroe - Secretary