

**City of Lambertville
Human Rights Council
7 PM Monday February 10, 2020
CITY HALL
25 South Union Street, Lambertville, NJ
AGENDA**

WELCOME by Roni Todd-Marino

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Roni Todd-Marino

ROLL CALL

(9) LHRC members:

Beth Asaro – City Council rep
Lt. Bob Brown – Police rep
~~Emily Carone – Library rep~~
~~Effie Castro – Resident~~
~~David Gardiner – Resident~~
Bruce Harris - Resident
Filomena Hengst – Board of Education rep
~~Bambi Kuhl – Public Assistance rep~~
Roni Todd-Marino - Resident

LHRC Friends & Guests

Patty Behot (Phillips Barber)
Zach Berliner
Mary Jane Legere
~~Eric Rounds~~
~~John Woods~~

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 13, 2020

- Beth Asaro motion, Roni Todd-Marino seconded, all in favor - approved

OLD BUSINESS

- **LHRC 2020 Event Calendar**
 - Fri 4/24: South Hunterdon High School, Day of Silence
 - Sat 5/16: Pride Parade
 - Sun 6/7: Great Big Day/Together We Are Lambertville Picnic
 - TBD: Black History 'Month'?
- **Logo Sub-Committee – David Gardiner, Roni Todd-Marino, Bruce Harris**
 - Mission: To promote and protect human rights at the local level. Together, city representatives and resident members ensure that Lambertville remains a place of acceptance and love.

- Tagline: Together We Are Lambertville
- 2020 Theme: Peace, Love & Lambertville
- 2021 Theme: If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together
- **LGBTQ+ Focus**
 - South Hunterdon High School Gay Straight Alliance – needs our support on 2 events.
 - Day of Silence – Fri 4/24, come at end of day (2:30) for closing ceremony where silence is broken, all speak regarding who they are honoring. Come early (like 2:00) so you can sign in and get to the Library before school ends.
 - Pride Parade – Sat 5/16, help them with cost of registration (investigating \$\$) and cost of SHR GSA t-shirts (which will also be used on Day of Silence) so they can march – approx. \$500.
 - PRIDE PARADE – Sat 5/16. Register for parade (investigating \$\$). Banner needs to be ordered.
 - Who will be attending?
 - Pickup truck – Filomena Hengst's husband
 - Jeep – Bruce Harris
 - Marlene Pray – Doylestown – Rainbow Room is a resource for students
- **Student / Youth Community**
 - Suggestion: Safe/Fun Teen hangout space is needed in the city. Possible upstairs space avail at Lambertville Academy by Fisherman's Mark. Filomena to check in with Marlene Pray to see if she'd be willing to help us set it up – then to check with Jennifer at Fisherman's Mark to talk about space availability.
 - Explore SHRSB BOE educational equity, diversion & inclusion efforts
 - Black History Month – Feb 2021 – begin planning. Bruce Harris offered his speaking services.
- **Senior Community**
 - Resident Council update (Hibernia) – Consulting underway with Councilwoman Julia Taylor to see how we can educate Hibernia residents who may want to create a resident's council.
 - Meals-On-Wheels needs a new home. Bruce Harris to explore using community room at South Hunterdon Apts (talk to owner Betsy Palilonis).
- **Mental Health Community**
 - Stigma Free Initiative update
 - Suicides on the rise in Hunterdon County
- **Great Big Day/Together We Are Lambertville Picnic – Sun 6/7**
 - Volunteers Needed

NEW BUSINESS

- Possible change of LHRC meeting start time to 7:30 vs. 7:00 - discuss

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Phillips Barber representative – readout on status/upgrade of facility**
 - Patty Behot discussed mental health offerings and Integrative Behavioral Health.
 - Building: probably add on to the building on the side facing Lambert's Hill, increase # of exam rooms – not an entire new building. Bring in some specialty suites so patients can see specialists from the hospital locally. Also, an elevator will be added.
 - Wellness Center/Physical Therapy (old Stoneking Physical Therapy business) – maybe move up to the Rescue Squad space – to be near the main office.
 - Send Patty questions or concerns at pbehot@hhsnj.org

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Beth Asaro, seconded by Roni Todd-Marino, all in favor.