

COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD MINUTES

January 9, 2013, 6 PM., MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Present: Chair Susanne Wagner, Vice Chair Dianne Wainwright, Carl Templin, Nancy Carroll, Karen Durham.

Call to order: Chair Susanne Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Consideration of October 2012 Minutes: Minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments

Topic of the Month: Maryanne Ochesky, community outreach and marketing coordinator of St. Clair Hospital, talked about the hospital's various support groups and provided a February 2013 calendar with the schedule. Ms. Ochesky said the hospital just has completed a community assessment of needs that is mandated for their tax-exempt status. In the process, they received feedback from many organizations regarding community needs and concerns.

Susanne Wagner will ask South Hills Interfaith Ministries representative to speak next month as part of the board's continuing discussion of human service groups that serve Mt. Lebanon.

Chair's Report: Susanne Wagner said she has had positive response to the community relations board portion of the video shown at the boards and authorities recognition dinner.

Commission Liaison Report: There was no commission liaison report.

Staff Liaison Report: There was no staff liaison report.

Continuing Business: The board tabled discussion of or a web page for new and prospective residents until February.

The board approved Dianne's Wainwright's draft of a letter to the Commission requesting that Susanne Wagner be appointed to a third term, providing continuity and a trained mediator. Dianne Wainwright also discussed some people who might be good for the board. Nancy Carroll noted that while the board can recommend a reappointment, the final decision is the commission's.

New Business: Susanne Wagner thinks the board should sponsor a community forum next year, as the last was very successful. Nancy Carroll suggested that many residents might not know of the board; others agreed that a forum would help raise awareness.

Susanne Wagner asked if the board would prefer a 6:30 start time, but the majority prefers to start at 6 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 13, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

