

Community Relations Board (CRB)Minutes
July 8, 2015, 6 p.m.
Municipal Building

Attendance: Susanne Wagner, chair; Dianne Wainwright, Dana Hackley, Lisa Borrelli Dorn, Susan Morgans, staff liaison. Absent: Albert Snyder, vice chair; Robert Taylor, Annette Sanchez, Steve Silverman, commission liaison.

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

Consideration of Minutes: The May minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizen Comment: There was no citizen comment.

Guest Speaker: Outreach Executive Director Mary Birks gave a presentation on the organization's history, mission and programs and asked the board to e-mail her suggestions as to how the nonprofit could better serve the community or how Outreach might partner with the CRB.

Chair's Report: Susanne Wagner suggested that board members watch the Commission meetings on www.mtlebanon.org (click on MTLTV on home page) or cable TV whenever possible. She finds it a great way to tune in to community concerns. Meetings typically are posted the following day.

Staff Liaison Report: Susan Morgans reported that expanding public engagement is among the Commission's four main goals for the coming year and suggested that the CRB should be involved in this effort. Please come to the next meeting with ideas as to how the CRB could help the Commission better engage with the community.

Susan reported the State Rep. Dan Miller's annual Disability Summit will be in March 2016 in Mt. Lebanon. Dan would welcome participation from the CRB.

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Strategic Plan: Dana Hackley will lead a strategic plan subcommittee also composed of Annette Sanchez and Bob Taylor. At the next meeting this committee will lead a discussion based on the May session with Dr. Rex Gatto. The plan is to finalize a new mission statement, consider initiatives the board does and does not want to pursue based on that mission statement and plan a strategy for moving forward..

Susanne Wagner sent a personal thank you note to Dr. Gatto for his excellent presentation. He also received a stipend from the municipality.

Next meeting: The August CRB meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September, 9, at 6 p.m. in the municipal building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:02.