

Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board (CRB) Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2017, 6 pm, Municipal Building

Attendance: Lisa Borrelli Dorn, chair, Catherine Schilken, Robert Taylor, Kiersten Lane, Mark Trumbull, Dana Hackley, Commission Liaison Steve Silverman, Staff Liaison Susan Morgans **Absent:** Matt Foreman,

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lisa Borrelli Dorn called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was no citizen comment

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

October minutes were approved unanimously.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Library Director Robyn Vittek spoke about the Harwood Institute's Turning Outward Initiative program, which provides grants to libraries to host community conversations and train volunteers to facilitate the conversations. The initiative also involves public surveys that could be helpful in shaping a future action plan for the library, as well as the community's next comprehensive plan. The goal is not to solve problems but to encourage people to seek their own solutions. Robyn would like the board to participate, either as a group or as individuals. The board will vote on this at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Commission Liaison:

Mr. Silverman briefed the board on two issues the commission currently is discussing— a change in the overnight parking ordinance that the commission has reached agreement on and a possible pay raise for commissioners that Commissioner Fraasch has proposed.

Staff Liaison:

Susan gave an overview of plans for the volunteer appreciation dinner.

Susan and her staff will be discussing the ways in which the Community Relations Board can continue to be featured in the magazine, but the Unity Series is ending.

Susan also reminded the board that that officers for 2018-19 need to be selected in April.

Chair's Report

Lisa Borrelli Dorn suggested that the board needs to decide if they are committed to doing the Mt. Lebanon Residents Academy every year and take a vote on it in April. Once decided, the board can approach the Commission for adequate funding.

Lisa and several board members said they wished they had been notified about the selection of the Community Service Award recipient before the recipient was notified. Bob Taylor and Susan Morgans noted that the oversight was due to a communications error. All agreed that we will be sure to notify the board first in the future. Lisa said that all documents concerning the selection process should be kept confidential. She will pick up the plaque at the municipal building customer service center and get it engraved. Lisa Borrelli Dorn and Steve Silverman will make the presentation to winner Pete DiNardo at the dinner. The 2017 winner, Hal Hasley, will not be able to attend; however, we will make note that he was the winner.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 6:50. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.