

**St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission
October 5, 2005**

Minutes

Attendance: Mac McClintock, Joyce Dyson, Betty Quinn, Joseph Bush and Bernadette Lewis

Excused: Tyrone Harris and Pam Oravec

Staff: Cynthia Brown, Division of Community Services

The meeting was convened at 5:10 by the Chairperson, Mac McClintock.

Approval of Minutes: September minutes were accepted and approved.

Finance Statement: Cynthia Brown gave a financial report of \$1,490.

Website: The commission discussed several ways of making the website more informational and user friendly. They would like to have the following information on the website;

- ❖ Minutes from meetings (already done monthly)
- ❖ Announcements (Upcoming events)
- ❖ Purpose of the Commission
- ❖ Scope and duties of the commission.
- ❖ A link to the Maryland Commission for Human Relations (Bonnie Hernandez will forward that request to the state.)
- ❖ An email address for citizen feedback
- ❖ Nomination form for the Recognition Breakfast
- ❖ Pictures
- ❖ Names of the membership
- ❖ Items pertaining to community awareness and education.

The commission would like to see the website address broadcast on the screen during their televised meetings.

End of Year Report: The end of year report is due in December and posted on the website in January. Several events have happened that will be recorded in report, i.e. monthly speakers, new members, retreats, and number of mediation related inquires.

Membership: Those who haven't been regularly attending meetings have been contacted via email. Cynthia will follow up and give the status of their continued membership at the next meeting.

Announcements: The NAACP will be having a banquet on Saturday, October 8 at the Chancellor Run Region Park.

Areas of Interest: The Commission would like to develop ways to get involved with students. This is already done to some degree through the youth award at the annual recognition breakfast.

Some of the past events the commission has supported are the Salt & Pepper Potluck Dinner, Salt & Pepper Picnic at Elms Beach and the HRC Awards Breakfast. The Commission agrees that small but functional projects will be the best activities for them at this time due to the number of board members.

Guest Speakers: Mr. McClintock will coordinate a calendar to request monthly speakers. It was decided to have speakers address the following topics:

November –Mental Health
December –Domestic Violence
January – Board of Education
February –Cardiovascular Disease
March –Disability Awareness Month / Women’s History Month
April – No speaker due to the breakfast event
May –Asian Diversity
June - Youth Recreation

The commission would like to have speakers who can speak on the value of diverse and local population changes, the impact of the changes and social issues in our community.

Cynthia informed the Commission she is working with the Katrina victims that have relocated to this county. She can assist anyone wishing to make donations.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2005.

Adjournment – 5:45 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Stephanie Roach