

LCDI meeting minutes for 3/21/2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Co-Chair Billy Fine.

Welcome new members: Our numbers are increasing and all are welcome. Discussion took place about why member wish to join.

Attendance: New members were asked to add their email and home addresses.

Communications and media update: We have a new logo coming in the next few months by a professional company working with the town. A new Facebook page will be created for township outreach.

Restaurant Meeting Update from Alyse: Tabled until a future meeting.

Discuss Flag Events: In the current year we have requested the Council to have the flags will be flown for a month and for future years to change this to 2 weeks starting next year. We await confirmation from Council as Councilman Rudy Fernandez is being tasked to look into the logistics for this.

Discuss Procedure for Changing the LCDI By-Laws: Tabled until Further Meetings

Youth Appreciation Day Participation with Alan and HCHY: Tabled until Alan is available.

The 3rd annual Multi-Cultural Night - Celebrate the Differences: will take place on Friday, April 12th at Livingston High School sponsored by the Livingston High School Student Government. It is free and there will be food, activities and performances. Our committee will have a table with a tri-fold explaining our committee. Keith will produce this. Suggestions for name tags with members names on them so questions could be asked by those attending. Others included foods from various countries of origin, making up passports for the participants which would be validated at the various tables, and hand drawn passport pictures. WE NEED SOMEONE TO CREATE A PROJECT FOR OUR TABLE!!! Harrison will take the lead on this and report back.

Women Veterans update: We will be meeting with the council on April 8th to request a wreath laying ceremony at 7 PM. Please try to join us at this time.

Livingston Police Partnership: To be known as *The Livingston Committee for Diversity and Inclusion & The Livingston Police Department Present: The Livingston Community Police Round Table* which is being scheduled for May tentatively.

Love and Unity Festival: Discussion ensued as whether the committee should be involved this year. A vote was taken to not be part of this in 2019 but possibly again next year. We will talk further on the history of this event at a later date.

Committee Member Updates: Saba Kahn shared information on an interfaith program on Saturday night on diversity in light of the shootings in New Zealand. Community clerics will be there. It is a private event open to our members and will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Eisenhower Parkway starting at 7 PM. (It was a huge success!!!)

The Sanskriti of New Jersey will be sponsoring Dakshin Mahotsav on Saturday, April 6th at the Livingston Community Center. Tickets are available as per the handout.

Other information shared:

April 2nd at Milburn High School from 7-9 PM. Conversation on Diversity, Identity and Social Justice. The speaker will be Dr. Khyati Joshi a professor at Farleigh Dickenson University.

April 28th Holi Festival celebration at Eagle Rock Reservation is open to the committee members. It will take place between 12 and 4 PM.

Action Together NJ will celebrate North Jersey Pride on June 9th in Maplewood.

Flag Raisings: May 5th is Israeli Independence Day from 4:30-7 PM. Please arrive at 4 PM.

Pride Month will be celebrated on June 5th from 7:00-7:45 with a brief program before hand at the Library at 6:30.

August 15th, India Flag Raising

Next Meetings: Please note there will be two meetings next month, Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:30 sharp and on Monday, April 29th at 7:30 sharp.

Meeting was adjourned