

Rutherford Civil Rights Commission
February 19th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on Wednesday, February 19th, at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

1. Steve Way, Rob Lyons, Matthew Cokeley, Eddie Narucki, Renjith Pillai, Jessica Lezcano, Beverly Khan, Lia Abrams, Al Aguavivas, Sami Abuquad, Juan Morales, Mike Szarek, and Sophia Masullo in attendance

Sunshine Law

RCRC Mission

1. Steve: this is a big transition for RCRC, we were established in 1965 to promote tolerance, equality, and acceptance, and to help people who have had their civil rights violated

Introductions of New Members

Establishment of Committees:

1. Multicultural Festival Committee: Sami, Rob, Eddie, Juan, Lia, Matthew, Jessica, Al, and Renjith
2. Fundraising Committee: Matthew and Lia
3. Press Committee: Sophia
4. Outreach & Event Coordination Committee: Lia, Rob, Matt, and Beverly
5. Archives: Beverly, Al, and Sophia

Education Updates

1. Steve, Rob, and Mike will be handling the poster & essay contests and scholarships
2. The winning poster this year will be featured on the front of the festival program
3. We have a scholarship which goes to an RHS senior; Rob made a motion to request \$200 for the scholarship, seconded by Steve, all found in favor

Renjith: Finance Updates:

1. Current balance is \$6,172

2020 Multicultural Festival Updates

1. Steve: this is a good year to bring in more entertainment and food to the festival
2. Estimated cost: \$16,000

Expectations, Goals, and Ideas

1. Rob: don't be afraid to bring your own new ideas to the table instead of having one person be the decision maker
2. Al asked what the demographic information for Rutherford is, Jessica answered that since the census is this year, we will get more accurate information
3. Want to increase use of social media and continue to advertise in local papers and websites
4. Steve would like the commission to do a joint event with the Pride Alliance for Pride Month
5. Mike: we could reach out to the Williams Center or Felician about screening a movie there

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 p.m.