

TCTJ 4-13-2009

In attendance were Savannah A. Blackwell ,Gwen Harris, Dorothy Brecher, Sy Brecher, Mary Dean, Barba Merriwether, Wendi Dennis, Dick Kauffman, Peter Schott, Amy Kaufman, Jules Jackson, and Rose Mary Hendrix.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Barba Merriwether, reported a balance of \$886.05. Post Office box was paid at a cost of \$58.00 through a donation from Rose Mary Hendrix.

Introductions took place.

We had discussed last month ways to make the Rehoboth Museum more inclusive for African Americans and Native Americans. Barba gave them the names of Savannah Blackwell and Hilda Norwood to be interviewed. She was told they were doing interviews but they did not give her any names. Barba will supply the museum with more names and include some from the Jewish community. The museum had said last year they were working on the oral history of the community, but so far, we know of no one who has been interviewed. Jules has a concern that there is not a documented history of blacks and Native Americans. She wants to see more than just an oral history. Jules is concerned that they have been working on the museum for three years and don't seem to be working to include all of the community. Mary Dean suggested we write a letter reiterating what has been done to this point and what we see as a course of action to be inclusive. Peter suggested we send a diplomatic letter. Barba will draft one. Amy's concern is that students in the area get a complete history.

Peter reported on HB#5, equal rights for all, including the gay, lesbian and bisexual community. It passed the House 26 to 14 and has the support of the majority of the Senate. If we are interested in seeing this bill passed, we must contact business people and our senators and representatives to let them know we support this bill before June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A motion was made and approved to write two letters to send to TCTJ membership asking for businesses and members of the faith community to support HB 5.

Wendi Dennis, from the film society, spoke about how we may work together. There are many films that could be used with students and the community to give voice to social issues and greater acceptance of all people. We need to find a way to get some cooperation from schools and a place to show the films.

Peter, Amy and Jules volunteered to work with Amy in trying to find films that might find an audience in our area and work together to find a way to market the film.

Dick is still trying to locate all the copies of Paper Clips and discover if they are being used.

Bethany Beach Christian Church was suggested as a place for screening movies. We would like to find 2 inland and 1 coastal area to show films. The Rehoboth Museum is open to our having meetings in their museum.

Rose Mary spoke about the Ecumenical Advocacy Conference she attended in D.C. and announced a talk being held at her church on the "Facts and Myths of Immigrants" on April 19th.

Next month's meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no June meeting. There are some who feel we should try to cut the number of meetings we have and others who feel we need them monthly. We will have them as needed and try to take care of things that come up by email.

Amy adjourned the meeting.

Rose Mary Hendrix

Secretary