

Minutes TCTJ 7-14-08

- Barbara Mullin called the meeting to order and had us introduce ourselves and a little of our volunteer background. Present were Barbara Mullin, Esther Shelton, Wave Starnes, Barba Merriwether, Wendi Dennis, William Bright, Terri Rivers, Marilyn Nock, Arlene Franks and Rose Mary Hendrix.
- Minutes were not read because they had been sent out. Maria was not there so the treasurer's report was not given.
- Wave Starnes reported on the Westside New Beginnings Coalition, which is a new group being formed headed by West Rehoboth and including LRAC, the Land trust, New Beginnings Community Center, the Citizen's Committee and members of the West Rehoboth Community. A number of people had shown up for the meeting. They are trying to organize separate committees and a sign up sheet was sent around for TCTJ members to volunteer if they chose. The committees are beautification, fund raising, social justice, and surveying the community. The groups purpose is to provide planning and implementation for the improvement and development of West Rehoboth. The next coalition meeting will be on July 23th at 7:00 in the West Rehoboth Community building.
- There was a discussion on the importance of getting the youth involved in the coalition.
- A discussion was held on whether or not TCTJ should be listed as a supporter of the group. Barabara will do a board vote by email.
- Wendi Dennis the Outreach Director for the Rehoboth Film Society spoke on trying to find venues to provide films to the community and especially children. She can provide films on immigration, ethnic groups, religion, sexual tolerance, violence in teen dating and most any subject of interest. She says there are problems with some subjects being controversial or people wanting both sides of an idea when there always isn't something that applies. She is looking for new venues to show films. Bethany Beach Christian Church was suggested. The idea of getting predominantly black and predominantly white churches to work together was also a suggestion.
- A suggestion to watch Black in America on CNN on July 23rd and 24th was given.
- Arlene Franks brought up concerns about foreign students in the Bethany Area not being given the help they thought they were promised by employers to find housing or being made to work overtime when they may not want to. Many of them work 12 hour days and then are told they must finish up a few other jobs before leaving. She was also concerned with students in living arrangements where they do not have locks on their doors. It was suggested that she call Frank Demming, who is the head of LRAC and works with ISOP to find out what the Rehoboth area is doing to help. It was also suggested she contact the ministerium in the Bethany area for their input and help.

Old Business

- It was reported from our dinner Board Meetings that Tom Bason will be taking care of our web sight.
- Dick Kaufmann accepted the position of Vice President.
- Rose Mary Hendrix accepted the position of Secretary.
- Come fall TCTJ will sponsor a contest in the schools dealing with Tolerance and Justice.
- Peter Schott will try to bring a local progressive radio station to the area.
- Various topics were discussed that might bring people to our meetings and facilitate a good discussion and learning experience.

Rose Mary Hendrix Secretary