

TCTJ March 9, 2009

Peter Schott opened the meeting at 7:03. Attending were: Dick Kauffman, Amy Kaufman, Jules Jackson, Savannah A. Blackwell, Gwen Harris, Barba Merriwether, Peter Schott, Christy Taylor and Rose Mary Hendrix.

We introduced ourselves and got an idea of interest of new people attending.

Minutes were read and approved. Amy moved and Barba seconded.

Treasurer's report showed we gave \$100 to Westside New Beginnings and have \$835.05 in our checking account. Barba moved and Rose Mary seconded to accept.

Amy summarized the surveys to us. People are looking for causes and are willing to work. Some of the concerns were:

- Question on mission statement. Is TCT a refuge or resource?
- Concerns about upcoming census and voter registrations.
- Separation of church and state.
- Lawyers responded who can keep us updated on issues.
- Lawyer who will write on Constitutional issues
- Religious and racial intolerance.
- A member of the county council wrote that we were needed.
- Anti Semitism
- Poverty, housing and education.
- One person commented that in the community we were known as atheists.

The members were then asked to comment on the above or issues of their own. We decided we needed to be more focused and choose an area to hone in on and be open to help if a problem in the community should develop.

Jules Jackson talked about having a clearer objective so we could all understand our mission better. She volunteered to work on the Clarification of the Organization and also a plan of action for historical preservation of Black and Native American sites in DE.

Barba, Savannah and Christy will work on getting an exhibit at the Rehoboth Museum.

We discussed what has and is happening in Belltown, Jintown and the American Legion.

Jules has a documentary of schools of the Blacks and Native Americans in DE, that can be shown to the community. She would like to create a sense of history in Delawareans.

Dick will check out Paper Clips to see who has it and has it had much use.

Peter will work with the Rehoboth Film Society to see if they have films that deal with our issues that they could screen.

Barba will talk to the Rehoboth Museum to see that all minority groups that have made Rehoboth have a role in the museum.

Amy has been in contact with the Anti Defamation League about a religious show on Channel 19 that seems to be anti-Semitic and homophobic. It is on Mediacom on Thursday at 7:30 PM. It is a local program. It was suggested that a lawyer be consulted to see if there is an action that could legally be taken or if it is something that should be challenged as a moral issue.

Jules Jackson and Christy Taylor were nominated and approved to take position on the board.

Savannah was asked to share her information with TCTJ and the broader Rehoboth Community and to participate as an active member of TCTJ.

The next meeting will be Monday April 8, 2009. 6:00 for the Board and 7:00 for the general membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Rose Mary Hendrix  
Secretary