

TCTJ May 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:15. Attending were: Jules Jackson, Savannah Blackwell, Barba S. Merriwether, Gwen Harris, Dorothy Brecher, Peter Schott, Amy Kaufman and Rose Mary Hendrix.

Time was given to read the minutes and they were approved.

Treasurer reported we had \$926.03. We need to pay an Annual Franchise Tax as a nonprofit organization. It was due in December and Barba has been researching what needs to be done to keep us from further late penalties. Jules suggested we go to online banking and Barba said she would check into it.

Planting was done in West Rehoboth.

Barba sent the letter to the Rehoboth Museum that had been approved by board members online.

Peter reported on HB 5 that was going to be considered on May 13, 2009. The bill deals with nondiscrimination. Senator Simpson in the Rehoboth area does not support it. We should let him know our thoughts. Peter gave an example how someone could be unfairly discriminated against.

Amy reported on the youth NAACP meeting that Peter, Amy and Rose Mary attended. This brought about a discussion of possibly lowering the age of membership in TCTJ. We discussed pros and cons but did not make a decision at this time. We will first get a legal opinion. We discussed hosting a debate with or for the group. Jules will contact Manny, the adult leader, about a debate. There was a discussion of starting an NAACP group at Sussex Central.

Jules will present information on Indian burial grounds on June 8th. In place of a meeting we will “workshop” Jules power point presentation in anticipation of a larger presentation in the future. Jules can be a point of contact to understanding and enforcement of the Federal National Graves Protection Act enacted in 1987.

By a show of hands it was agreed that a film series on religious tolerance would be an important topic for the joint venture of RBFS and TCTJ.

Jay Keller will speak about the Interfaith Alliance. He will contact Amy to let her know when he will be able to speak and Rose Mary will check with BBCC to see if that date can be accommodated.

Membership dues are overdue. They should have been paid in January. Amy will send a letter to members.

Amy commended Peter for his work on Governor’s Human Relations Commission that was reported on in Delaware Beach Life.

Rose Mary spoke of the Crop Walk to help fight poverty which will begin at the Band Stand in Bethany beach at 1:00 on May 31, 2009. All are welcome to donate and attend. Contact Rose Mary if interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Rose Mary Hendrix

Secretary