

From: Brett Marchand October 1, 2008 8:40:51 AM
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The meeting was called to order At 5:30 pm.

Present were: Eva Hausman, Susan Ersinghaus and Mickey Lecours-Beck.

These are the Minutes that apparently have been turned into the Town Clerk's Office. Thank you for posting.
Charlotte

The minutes from the May 28th meeting were approved.

As a quorum was not present at that meeting to approve the original Meeting Calendar, the next order of business was to revise and approve a Meeting Calendar finishing out the year. (Ms. Hausman & Ms. Ersinghaus appointed terms only last through Jan 2009.) The revised Meeting Calendar was adopted & Ms. Lecours-Beck volunteered to provide it to the Town Clerk.

The next order of business was to discuss the Community Calendar concept. During the course of researching various religious and cultural holidays and traditions, members had become concerned that an inclusive and accurate execution of such a project was not possible in time for the deadline of the Simsbury Bank calendar and indeed might not be the best use of the committee's time and resources this year. A simpler project to introduce the Commission and its broader mission of fostering mutual understanding and respect was explored. It was proposed that a bookmark with a message or question about tolerance & diversity on one side and the HRC info on the other was a more realistic goal and the members present agreed to research ideas for a concrete, thought provoking, but manageable message. Ms. Hausman will be contacting a resource at the ADL, Ms. Lecours-Beck will be tapping some of her social work contacts & Ms. Ersinghaus will investigate similar programs and messages online. Ms. Hausman will also be notifying Mr. McPherson of the revised adopted calendar.

As there was no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

