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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm after being relocated to the small kitchen area across the hall from Room 103 to accommodate the last day of voter registration.

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

A brief discussion was held concerning the recent incidents in the news of violence and hate speech at Quinnipiac and Trinity Universities. Members agreed it highlighted a continuing problem and dovetailed the goals of the commission to stress coexistence and acceptance in the community.

The minutes for the October 2, 2008 were read and approved.

Ms. Lecours-Beck then informed the group that the "101 Tools for Tolerance" materials the commission had sought to order were no longer available as a pamphlet, but only as a download for copy. Members were not impressed with the size and format of the materials as presented and it was agreed that each would take a copy and work on ideas as to how to reformat the information in an easier to distribute and more appealing printout. It was also agreed that Ms. Lecours-Beck would order single copies of other booklets from the Southern Poverty Law Center for review by the commission before the next meeting and that all members would continue to seek other resources online to preview.

Since the teaching tolerance pamphlet was not ready for distribution, a discussion of publicity was not needed and discussion moved on to the sample stamp design Ms. Ersinghaus had brought in. Members decided that since a reprint of the teaching tolerance materials was already necessary, the design could be integrated for print on those materials with a slight redesign.

The only new business brought up for discussion were the new procedures for filing minutes which will now be e-mailed to Ms. Lecours-Beck within the required time frame so that she can insure they are posted to the web and filed with the town clerk by the deadlines.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50. Next meeting Tuesday November 25, 2008

