

Athens Community Relations Commission
May 11, 2023 | 3:45pm
Athens Public Library-Small Meeting Room

Present: Izze Kaukonen (guest), Rachel Siegel, Micah McCarey, John Schmieding, Kristyn Neckles, Rebecca Robison-Miller

1. Introductions
2. Approve April meeting notes: John made a motion to approve and Rachel seconded
3. Old business:
 - a. Review commission by-laws: Changes and edits made. Updated document is attached. Will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - b. How can the commission support education, celebration and harmony – this was not discussed directly.
 - c. New members: Izze Kaukonen and Ella Strickland were invited to the meeting for them to consider joining. Chris Knisely will advertise as well.
 - d. Juneteenth celebration: Rebecca will register ACRC, and ordered a tablecloth. Items for distribution will be the mission statement, and flyer that includes current projects; contact info and member names. Having a marble jar with questions was discussed as an idea as well, the community comprehensive plan could inform the questions. Rachel will make a sign for questions, Micah has a stand and white board that he will bring to the event. Prompts for discussion will be solution oriented. Rebecca will get candy and coordinate with Minute Man for flyer creation. Raymie is tabling with John. Looking for others to join.
 - e. AIR collaborative project with Stuart's Opera House - no updates
4. New business:
 - a. Recognition of community organizations, businesses, individuals for exemplifying values important in the mission to the ACRC – this will be discussed in June.
 - b. Establish meeting days/times for summer meetings. The current schedule will stand for now: June 8th at 3:45pm at the library, possibly outside.
 - c. Commission support for Take Action Athens: Rachel suggested that the commission offer support to make spaces more inclusive and affirming. Support for this project was officially adopted. Micah will be sending information about June lunch training sessions called Trans Inclusion Lunch and Learns. Commission members will participate and spread the word.
 - d. Multi-cultural fair at Athens High School tomorrow, May 12th 4:40pm-7:00pm.

5. Meeting was adjourned.