

Sharon Commission on Disabilities

October 28, 2020

Location: Zoom

Meeting called to order: 7:07 pm

Attendance: Paul Remy, Susan Myerson, Lois Diamond, Gela Aronson, Asma Abdullah

Absent: Richard Seronick and James Newton

Barbara Nelkin-Rose was a guest from Sharon Racial Equity Alliance - SREA (rapidly growing new group)

Co-Chair of the Educational Engagement Committee

Black in Sharon series in August (3 part listening sessions) experience sharing

Sharon Pluralism Network – collaboration for discussion

Address systemic racism by conducting rallies

Looking to collaborate with Commission on Disabilities in the future

Are Black and Hispanic Students with special needs encountering higher rates of racism

There is another sub-committee this might fall under – K-12 school committee

Focusing in on Mental Illness – sensitivity training for mental illness an African Americans

Training for first responders?

Does it make sense for an SREA member to join the Commission?

Continue the conversation for collaborative efforts

Treasurer's Report – Geila Aronson

Gen: \$500

Ticket: \$16,198.17 (returned money from the funds that were used from the CARES Act

Donation: \$1,227.97

Officers: Paul Remy – Chair Geila Aronson- Treasure

Clear Window Face Masks – Schools need smile masks and anti-fog liquid as well

James talked to Jessica Murphy – they said they need 16 masks in total

Best Value – 2 packs for \$120 Plus anti-fog liquid for \$258 in total

Need clarification before a decision is made

Commission website – let the Commission's website to expire as the information can be placed on the town website – our website is only duplicating efforts.

Sharon Housing Authority was ineligible to obtain a grant that would should install rolling showers in apartments and also install locks... will work with the Sharon Housing Authority to determine needs that could benefit residents – will review this

New High School – Specific compliance for ADA – Susan Friedman will contact James and Judy to see what the accessibility issues may be within in the new high school

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm Motion by Susan Myerson