

Village of Olympia Fields, Illinois  
Community Relations Commission  
May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The Community Relations Commission (CRC) meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairperson Sandra Finley.

Members present were: Lionel Barnes, Andrea Davis, Sandra Finley, Carl Hill, Eloise Houston, Yuan Liang, Jodi Markus, Julius Smith, Beverly Sokol, and Arlene Stevens.

Old Business

Minutes from the April 1, 2019 meeting were accepted as printed with a motion made by Lionel and seconded by Eloise.

A recap and evaluation of the April 13 Breakfast for Volunteers and New Residents took place with the following comments being made:

- 1) Food on serving table was still missing—ran out of eggs.
- 2) The Olympia Fields Country Club is a prestigious venue to be invited to, but should we continue to use it? The consensus is to keep this event at the OFCC.
- 3) About 15 people indicated their intent to attend by their RSVP, but did not show for the breakfast.
- 4) Only six new residents of the 65 invited, responded. How do we get more new residents to attend? One suggestion is to get the HOA presidents on board to encourage new neighbors to participate.
- 5) Ask the HOA presidents to come and meet with the CRC.
- 6) We should give volunteers a gift to show appreciation for their contribution to the Village. People are not impressed with the paper certificate.
- 7) Name tag preparation was much improved over last year.
- 8) New idea—add a slide show highlighting the various Home Owners Associations/neighborhoods and their residents.
- 9) Should we go back to having two separate events? The New Residents Reception in the past has focused on our new residents and given them specific information about the Village. Sandra will speak to the Village President concerning this suggestion.

Julius gave a report on the Community Theater Project. He has spoken to Gwen Bennett from the Apostolic Church of God Theater Company. He suggests we bring a production to Rich Central High School as a pilot. The school can be secured for \$1,100 per night and we can use their security. Other items to be taken into consideration are: certificate of insurance, marketing this event--perhaps

promoting a theater/restaurant package, radio appearance, television announcement, development of a budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with a motion by Jody and a second by Lionel.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Stevens