Minutes

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Date | time Wednesday, September 26, 2018. 7:04 pm | Meeting called to order by Ritu Goel

# Roll Call

**Members Present:** Ritu Goel, Beena Pandit, Karell Rose, Christy Shaher, Carolyn Carey, Lloxci Lopez. **Town Council Liaison:** MJ Hockenbery. **Observer:** Mary Etter. **Absent:** Michael Pare, Karen Wagner

# Approval of Minutes

Karell called to accept the minutes, Carolyn seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved

# Agenda

* Public Input – There was no public
* Report by Chair about International Day of Peace
  + Collected receipts for reimbursement
  + Talked about the event asked for input on how the evening went well and where there could be improvement for next time (name tags, lawn signs, activity signs, photographer, sign in sheet)
  + General consensus is that we would like this to be an annual event
  + Secretary to write thank you notes to speakers and contributors, and create letterhead for future needs
* Report of Town Council Liaison: Outpouring of good comments and praise for the International Day of Peace Event. Police and Fire Fighters want to participate in a bigger way next time. Wants a group shot of all committee members for future promotions and events.
* Discussed Poet Lauriat Day which will be held on April 28.
* Discuss Photography Contest. Discussed paste events and themes
  + Picked a Date: March 3, 2018 (Based on Library availability)
  + As a group we came up with a Theme: The Faces of South Windsor. Unanimously voted by all.
* Discussed possible ideas for an event on Opioid Awareness, discussed different kinds of events or things we can do to promote awareness or ways we can contribute to other town agencies that may already have programs in place. Thought of ways to research what might be a good way for us to contribute aid/awareness to our community.
* Opioid discussion led to the planning of a possible event for one of the first few weeks in November. Plan to add to our October Agenda, the organization and planning of Food and/or Diaper drive (to be determined at next meeting) to collect for the South Windsor Pantry, which directly helps people in our community.

# Next Meeting

October 24, 2018 7:00 PM, Library

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 pm by Christy, seconded by Karell and was passed unanimously.