

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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**St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission
May 7, 2009
Minutes**

Attendees: Joseph Bush, Jim Hanley and Theo Cramer
Cynthia Brown (staff liaison)

Excused: Rose Everett

Absent: Patrice Gaymon, Pam McKay and Joyce Dyson

The meeting was convened at 5:45 PM by Chairperson Joseph Bush.

Minutes from March and April were reviewed. March minutes were accepted as presented. April minutes were accepted with one change noted: In the discussion on the HRC Breakfast Event, the word 'greed' should be changed to 'agreed'.

Budget: Cynthia Brown reported a budget balance of \$2750.

Study Circles : A recent study circle for Leonardtown Elementary School staff started well but attendance slowed down by the third session. A community member from that circle has indicated to Theo Cramer there may be interest in reviving the group. Theo will follow up. Organizers are meeting in June to debrief on successes of the program thus far, concerns and ways to improve. More facilitators are needed. Summer is a difficult time to recruit and/or conduct a Study Circle so the next dialogue will not occur until later in the year.

Community Event: Johnny Brown, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union will be the guest speaker at the HRC's Community Awareness Event on June 25 at 7:00PM at St. Mary's College.

Membership: Considerable time was spent reviewing applications and resumes from five citizens expressing interest in joining the commission. The decision was made to send a letter to the County Commissioners requesting appointments for all potential members.

Next meeting date: June 3, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Brown