

## Somerset County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

7pm on Thursday, June 10, 2021

Zoom:

Meeting ID: 510 343 3488

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- I. Attendance: 7:07
  - A. Present: Charles Eader, Michele Kidd, Frank Morano, Michael Poreda, Roberta Walters, Syd Rosen, Jean Weekes, Commissioner Marano
  - B. Frank & Roberta approved May's Minutes
  
- II. Public Guest – John Maddox
  - A. In God's image – Catholic LGBT, families , friends, South Plainfield
  - B. In operation for 14 years, 100+ members
  - C. Based in Middlesex, many members are in somerset county
  - D. Work on LGBT issues, trying to get more active in other areas
  - E. Will there be opportunities for overlap with the group?
  
- III. Pride Proclamation
  - A. Tuesday, 6/8
  - B. Proclaim June as pride month
  - C. Somerset County has never done this before
  
- IV. Towns celebrating Pride?
  - A. Downtown Somerville Alliance – unveiling of the mural
  - B. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the Business Partnership will have a virtual event - how to attract & keep LGBTQ folks part of their workforce
  
- V. Our Pride History Webinar
  - A. Intro, Keynote (15minutes), Storytellers, Q&A
  - B. Reach out to more places to help promote event
  
- VI. 2<sup>nd</sup> guest for the night – Trevor Nalepka
  - A. Fantastic drag queen
  - B. We hope they will come to the meet & greet in August, as well as Asbury in Oct.
  
- VII. August Event – Meet & Greet at Duke Island Park
  - A. Jean & Michele are working together on this
  - B. Law enforcement? Charles reached out to Sheriff Russo & Sergeant Hahn
  - C. Stress the difference between the police & the sheriff's dept.

- D. Making sure that we talk about what the LGBT taskforce (in the sheriff's dept.) is doing – how they are protecting the community as well as LGBT outreach.
- VIII. Richard Hall Mental Health Center
- A. Resources need to be added to the website
- IX. Meeting ended at 8:51
- A. Motioned by Michele Kidd & Syd Rosen