

Laconia Human Relations  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 14, 2021  
3:30PM – 5:00  
**City Hall Rm 200A also via Zoom**

**Agenda**

**Welcome and Roll Call**

**Review and Acceptance of May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**  
**Review and Acceptance of Year-to-Date Financial Report**

**Old Business**

- Homeless Task Force
- Democracy Articles
- Holocaust and Genocide education
- Community Engagement Program

**New Business**

- Publication of Holocaust/Genocide Letter
- Other business
- Next Meeting Room 200A, Monday July 12, 2021 at 3:30pm also via Zoom

**Public Comment –**

The public is invited to offer their opinions. Initially, they will be limited to four minutes until all have had an opportunity to speak. Each person is constrained to their time period or to ask questions of the committee. Everyone is expected to speak respectfully.

If on Zoom, the public will be visible but muted until unmuted by the chair. Members of the public wishing to speak will use the “raise hand” option.

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**Note: The meeting will also be held online through Zoom and will begin at 3:30pm although people are encouraged check in early. Contact David Stamps, 387-4382 or email at [dbstamps@dbstamps.com](mailto:dbstamps@dbstamps.com) if you are having trouble connecting.**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Topic: Human Relations Commission

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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## Proposed Letter to the Editor

Seventy six years ago, the Auschwitz concentration camps were liberated by the Russian Army on January 27, 1945. On April 5, 1945, units from the American Fourth Armored Division of the Third Army were the first Americans to discover Ohrdruf, a Buchenwald sub-camp. On April 12, 1945, the day of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's death, Generals Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar Bradley arrived in Ohrdruf.

General Eisenhower sent a dispatch to General George Marshall, the US Chief of Staff describing the horrors he witnessed. He ordered US troops in the area to visit the camps to witness the atrocities. He also requested the US press to witness and report what was being discovered. Congressional delegations came to visit these concentration camps. Eisenhower stated that it was his duty as Supreme Allied Commander "...to testify about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief...that the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda."

The US Millennial Holocaust Knowledge and Awareness Survey, the first 50 state survey on Holocaust knowledge among Millennial's and Generation Z revealed a widespread lack of basic knowledge about the holocaust. New Hampshire's rank in this survey was very close to the national average.

On July 23, 2020, Governor Sununu signed legislation (which passed the Senate unanimously and the House by a vote of 299 in favor, 17 opposed) requiring that some form of basic Holocaust and Genocide education to be taught in all NH schools. With the enactment of this legislation NH became the 14<sup>th</sup> State to require Holocaust and Genocide prevention education.

This bill was supported by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, the NH Council of Churches, the NH Institute for Civics Education, the Keene State University's Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, the Jewish Federation of NH, the Anti-Defamation league, and many others.

A diverse and highly qualified commission was established to find ways to implement this consistent with the NH formal rule-making process and a preliminary report will be issued.

Our Nation is going through some difficult, painful times. We have seen a resurgence of some dark, dangerous acts and rhetoric. History, in particular, unremembered, and inaccurately remembered history, repeats itself. Many remember the horrific images of holocaust and other genocides. Unfortunately, fewer remember the causes, origins, and methods of the perpetrators. It is important to remember those of prominence and the many righteous people of extraordinary courage who at great personal risk provided shelter, comfort, and rescued victims. We owe this education to our children, our children's children, and to the sacred memory of those who perished and suffered as well as to the memory of the righteous who fought against genocide and are fighting against genocide.

**LHRC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 11, 2021

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	<u>Jun 11, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
10100 · LCI	3,203.62
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>3,203.62</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>3,203.62</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>3,203.62</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	2,475.62
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	-1,097.00
Net Income	1,825.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>3,203.62</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>3,203.62</b></u>

# LHRC Profit & Loss

July 1, 2020 through June 11, 2021

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	<u>Jul 1, '20 - Jun 11, 21</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43410 · Government Support	2,000.00
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	2,000.00
<b>Expense</b>	
60900 · Expense	
60110 · MLK Day	195.00
60130 · Yard Signs	-20.00
<b>Total 60900 · Expense</b>	<u>175.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>175.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>1,825.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>1,825.00</u></u>