

Human Rights Committee Minutes
Meeting Date: February 6th 2012
Called to order: 5:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Laura Gonzales
Shirley Decker
Robert Newby
Maureen Eke
Susan Poindexter
Mandy Wigren
Raquel Fruh
Amy Shawboose
David Ling

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Husbands (excused)
Jeannie Jackson (excused)
Lisa Sovoreen

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Laura Gonzales

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Move to approve the agenda by Shirley Decker; seconded by David Ling; agenda was approved.

3. Public Comment:

- Peter Reale shared his concerns of the lift (motorized chair) in Centennial Hall. He was told to fill out a HRC Incident Report, available on-line, concerning the complaint. Laura will speak with Elizabeth Husbands about the lift issue, since he noted that he had attended a program there. Elizabeth had coordinated the program.
- Peter did come in at the end of the meeting, but HRC allowed for his comments

4. Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2012:

- Spell checking and friendly corrections requested for the January 9th minutes
- Correction: Sue Poindexter had an excused absence
- Correction: Maureen Eke stated that there needed to be clarification with the Diversity Coordinator position in the 2% request in the minutes. It needed to be removed as it may be the reason we are not receiving funding, it's too large an item.
- Correction: Page 2 letter d, (sentence correction) working on the Isabella County Response Team for Hate Crimes and Bias Incidences
- Correction: Page 3 letter e, (sentence correction) submit grant requests for projects/programs that suggest human rights concerns
- Correction: New Business, item 6, the names of the individuals brought to the attention by Raquel Fruh as having possible human rights issues have been omitted, due to confidentiality, we will simply be identifying

individuals with abbreviations of their first names to maintain confidentiality

- David Ling proposed a motion to accept corrections to the January 9 meeting minutes; Shirley Decker supported. Motion approved.

5. Old Business:

Graduate Student Update

- Joseph Albrecht was not able to attend the meeting but met with Laura to update the committee
- PR opportunities for Black History Month – Joe sent a schedule to Jeannie Jackson and Laura. Joe would like to know which events we would like him to attend.
- County's IT personnel, Joel Fredericks, was supposed to get back to Joe about our FB page
- Joe is working with Raquel to make a list of people for the Isabella County Community Hate Crimes and Bias Incident Response Team
- Joe will be sending a one page news letter for the HRC for next month featuring Elizabeth Husbands
- Joe sent a link to the MP Area Community Foundation Grant and he wanted to know what the committee's thoughts were about it.
- Joe's internship is ending in mid-April. He will graduate in May.

6. New Business:

- Robert Newby requested that Laura forward to the group Black History Month events on CMU's campus.
- Robert Newby to present at the Soup and Substance at CMU on February 21, 2012. He will present on the Greensborough Sit-In.
- The Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Group will be meeting on February 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Office for Inclusion and Diversity to discuss the report of the investigation of the death of Bradford Gibson. All are welcome.
- CMU is co-sponsoring, with the Ziibiwing Center, a film series on Native American Studies and boarding school issues. The contact person is Colleen Green, Director of Native American programs.
- Laura will ask Tim Dolehanty, County Administrator, about having another Graduate Intern assigned to the HRC after Joe Albrecht completes his internship.

7. Isabella County Community Hate Crimes and Bias Incident Response Team

- Raquel Fruh reported all meetings for MIAAHC were cancelled in December and January due to the holidays and lack of action.
- Raquel had made several attempts to contact HRC Graduate Student Intern Joe Albrecht for assistance in making a list of invitees for the Response Team. She did not have any success with contacting Joe.
- Raquel is requesting help with the effort of the Response Team, as the endeavor has ended up being more of a commitment than she expected.

- A recommendation was made to see if Elizabeth Husbands would be interested in heading up the group.
- Raquel was asked to send out a link to MIAAHC so the HRC members can read and understand more clearly what the organization is all about.
- Mandy Wigren will supply HRC with statistics of hate crimes in Michigan.

8. Tribal 2% Request

- HRC reviewed the request submitted for review by David Ling, titled “A Study of Acts of Micro-Discrimination Against Tribal Members.” David asked for a name to be listed as the Project Supervisor, if approved. Laura requested that another member of the HRC, instead of the HRC Chair, be the Project Supervisor, due to her employment with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. It may be a conflict of interest or awkward situation. Amy Shawboose was requested by HRC to be the Project Supervisor that is placed on the grant application. She agreed.
- Maureen Eke requested clarification on whether we were submitting two applications, one from Mr. Ling and another one for education requests that she was writing.
- A motion was made by Robert Newby and seconded by Susan Poindexter to support both proposals and for the proposals to be finalized and sent to the HRC in a week. Motion was unanimously approved.

9. Roundtable

- Eliminated due to the length of the meeting

10. Next Meeting

- Monday, March 5, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. Isabella County Building, Room 225

11. Adjournment

Robert Newby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Maureen Eke. Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Mandy Wigren
February 24, 2012

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