

ISABELLA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: July 10, 2017

Members Present:

Maureen Eke – Chair
Elizabeth Husbands – Vice-Chair
Laura Gonzales
Wendy Hovey
Sue Poindexter
Karen Rau
Anne Swift
Kristin LaLonde

Excused Absences:

Amy Shawboose
Mark Sanderson
David Ling – County Commissioner

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Eke at 5:20 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Poindexter moved to approve the agenda. Husbands seconded, motion passed.

3. Approval of June 2017 Minutes

June minutes tabled to August

4. General Public Comment

No Comments

5. Reports

a. Chair's Report

i. Budget Report

Eke & Margaret McAvoy will meet on 17th. The HRC letter head was discussed. Eke requested Rack Card invoice from Husbands. Eke requested quote for the 2nd sheets of the letterhead with just graphic at the bottom. Poindexter pointed out that print money can come from per diem if the print budget goes over. Eke suggests buying videos for education. Gonzales: says she will distribute Rack Cards to racks. Eke tells everyone to submit mileage for every event attended on behalf of HRC to show why we need that line item. Rau: Can we get per diem for subcommittee meetings? Eke: Since we're not elected or staff, no per diem for subcommittees. Eke will ask about rules for submitting mileage for subcommittee meetings.

ii. Report to the County Commissioners

Eke to report to County Commissioners on the July 18 work session. She will focus on what the HRC is doing and has done. Eke requests members to send her activities they have done by July 12.

iii. Fall Activities

We will do Get Acquainted Day. Rau, Poindexter and Sanderson have volunteered to cover the event. Discussed possibly attending the Alliance Against Hate Crimes conference in Lansing in September. Husbands will look into reserving the meeting room at Veterans Memorial Library for United Nations Peace Day event on September 21. Eke will coordinate HRC's involvement in Indigenous People's Day. Disability Subcommittee will coordinate HRC's involvement in Disability Awareness Month. Gonzales will take the lead on HRC's involvement in Coming Out Week. Gonzales will coordinate HRC's involvement in Hispanic Heritage Month.

7. Sub-committee Reports

a. Community Education Sub-committee

Gonzales reported that the sub-committee did not meet in June. They will meet on July 25th. She is collecting contacts to schedule future presentations. She will look into the HRC doing a presentation at the Collaborative Group Luncheon. Gonzales will double check the budget.

b. Disability Sub-committee

Swift reported that the sub-committee did not meet during June. Mount Pleasant City Manager Nancy Ridley is planning to go ahead with the planned barrier free spaces. The June flooding may effect budget but work on the spaces will start at the end of July.

c. Law Enforcement Sub-committee

Hovey reported that the sub-committee had met and worked out the three goals for the subcommittee. The first goal is to decrease/eliminate tensions between minorities and law enforcement. The second goal is to work with and keep an open and on-going communication with law enforcement. And the third goal is to make ourselves known to the community and publicize our incident report form.

8. Meetings

a. Isabella County Community Collaborative - Hovey reported that they didn't have a meeting this month. They were talking about how to combat the opiate problem and Hovey suggested we get involved in the opiate problem. Eke advised that we wait to see what the Collaborative is doing so as to know how to be involved.

9. Other

Eke asks group who would like to be the new secretary? No one volunteered. Secretary duties will rotate.

10. Announcements

Swift announced that HRC should get involved in the issues Medicaid is facing with the health care debate. A letter to the editor is proposed on the right to health.

11. Adjournment

Swift made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Poindexter seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Submitted by Kristin LaLonde, HRC At-large Member

8/7/17