

Isabella County Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: October 3, 2016

Called to order: 5:17 PM

Members Present

Maureen Eke, Chair
Anne Swift
Shuna Stevens, Secretary
Wendy Hovey
Laura Gonzales
Sue Poindexter
Karen Rau

Excused Absences

Amy Shawboose
Shirley Decker
David Ling, County Commissioner
Elizabeth Husbands, Vice-Chair

1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maureen Eke at 5:17 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Sue Poindexter moved to approve the agenda as amended and Wendy Hovey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

3. Approval of September 2016 Meeting Minutes

Sue Poindexter motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Anne Swift seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. General Public Comment

There was no general public comment.

5. Reports:

Chair's Report

- Budget: Discussion on the changes from the previous year's budget. Maureen Eke will discuss the HRC's concerns with David Ling.
- Eke reported that she is going to the upcoming MIAACH conference in Lansing along with Laura Gonzales, Anne Swift, and Wendy Hovey.
- Eke reported that the HRC intern position will be posted soon and that the due date has been changed to 10/31 to allow enough time to get applications.
- Discussion about the upcoming Indigenous People's Day presentation at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. Eke will follow up with Ling on doing this presentation together.

Community Education Subcommittee

- Nothing new to report. Gonzales is in the process of ordering more tri-folds.

- Gonzales reported that there were no expenditures from the Micro-aggressions Study budget this month.

Disability Committee

- Swift reported that they did not meet this past month but have a meeting scheduled this week, Wednesday, October 5, 2016.

Law Enforcement

- Eke reported that she is participating in a citizen-police training and we will re-visit this topic soon.

6. New Business

- Gonzales and Hovey provided an update on the Isabella County Restoration House (ICRH) meeting that they attended. One of the ICRH goals is for a permanent, all day, all year facility, with long term stays as an option. The ICRH is seeking community volunteers to be on different sub-committees if anyone is interested.

7. Announcements

- Eke reported that she has been in discussions with the *Morning Sun* about the Confederate Flag letter.

8. Adjournment

Shuna Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gonzales seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.