

Isabella County Human Rights Committee

July 9, 2018

County Administrative Building—Room 225

Time: 5:25 p.m.

Members Present:

Maureen Eke, Chair
Sharon Avery
Cheryl Gonzalez
Laura Gonzales
Justin Knott

Members Not Present:

David Ling
Elizabeth Husbands, Vice Chair
Anne Swift
Sarvjit Chowdhary

Guests Present:

Janet Peace
Alicia Paterni

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Laura Gonzales moved to approve w/ amendments
 - b. Cheryl Gonzalez Seconded the motion
 - c. Approved as amended
- III. Approval of June, 2018 minutes:
 - a. Amend public comment section to include Alicia Paterni was present at the meeting and is interested in joining
 - b. Amy Shawboose moved to approve w/amendments
 - c. Justin Knott seconded
 - d. Sharon Avery abstained
 - e. Approved
- IV. General Public Comments:
 - a. Janet Peace (Army vet and owns local farm) and Alicia Paterni were present. Both are interested in volunteering and/or assisting; we mentioned the open positions and encouraged them to apply.
- V. Reports:
 - a. Chair's Report (Maureen N. Eke):
 1. Budget meeting with Margaret McAvoy—HRC did not use graduate assistant funding. Our funding for 2018-2019 will remain at the current year's level.
 2. Meanwhile, concerns should be addressed to chair Maureen Eke.
 3. Comment/question regarding HRC Facebook page needs to go through Maureen Eke and receive approval from the County Admin for posting. The County will not host the HRC FB page.
 4. Human Trafficking Conference: Friday, October 12th @ CMU—HRC voted \$250 for co-sponsorship. Cheryl Gonzalez moved and Laura Gonzales seconded. All voted yay.
 5. Michigan Alliance Against Hate Crimes—September—Maureen Eke will look into the date and inform members or forward information

- i. Report to the Isabella County Collaborative (Dec. 2018). First Friday of the month. Meetings occur at the County Commission on Aging.
- ii. Fall Activities
 - 1. Training with Sapphire Cureg (Multicultural Ed. C @ CMU). Still not finalized. Maureen Eke will confirm a date with Ms. Cureg.
- iii. Health and human rights town hall conversation
- iv. Town Hall
 - 1. Amy Shawboose wants to be in the community more.
Discussion: There are so many things going on. Group discussed hosting an event on the or open mic/vigil on the International Peace Day, September 21, 2018. Other dates in September were considered.
 - 2. September 14th—check on other events/available space
 - 3. Amy Shawboose, Cheryl Gonzales, and Maureen Eke will meet to work on the event.
- v. Honoring, Healing & Remembering—HRC did not staff a table at the event. Due to illness, Maureen Eke could not go. No-one else volunteered

VI. Sub-Committee Updates:

- a. Study of Micro-aggression Community Education sub-committee has not met.
- b. External hard drive with recording of micro-aggression training was passed from Laura Gonzales to Cheryl Gonzalez, then, to Sharon Avery (where it is currently).
- c. Laura Gonzales is looking into answers to Cheryl Gonzalez's question about training handouts.
- d. Need to update power point presentation to include other forms of discrimination and acts of racism.
- e. Laura will send out email to HRC committee members to see who might be interested in joining the sub-committee

VII. New Business: None

VIII. Announcements: HRLASS conference at CMU (Human Trafficking conference 10/12/18)

IX. Adjournment—Amy Shawboose motioned; Sharon Avery seconded Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes modified & updated August 6, 2018; approved 9/10/2018

