

Isabella Co Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: September 12, 2016

Called to order: 5:25 PM

Members Present

Maureen Eke, Chair
Anne Swift
Shuna Stevens, Secretary
David Ling, County Commissioner
Laura Gonzales
Sue Poindexter
Elizabeth Husbands, Vice-Chair

Excused Absences

Amy Shawboose
Shirley Decker
Wendy Hovey

1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Eke at 5:25pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Laura Gonzalez moved to approve the agenda. Sue Poindexter seconded, motion passed.

3. Approval of July 2016 Meeting Minutes

Anne Swift motioned to approve the minutes as amended, David Ling seconded, motion passed.

4. General Public Comment

There was no general public comment. Eke welcomed audience member Jessica, a CMU Graduate Student, president of the Students Against Slavery group, and possible candidate for the HRC Graduate Internship. There was a brief discussion about the County Commission appointing two members to HRC, Karen Rau and Kristin LaLonde, and that hopefully they will be at the next meeting.

5. Reports:

Chair's Report

- Budget: no report provided for review.
- Eke reported that Elizabeth Husbands did purchase the HRC letterhead, pens, and business cards.
- Eke reported that the HRC intern position will be posted with the same job description as last time with the only change being for the term dates. Due dates for applications will be 10/1.
- Eke reported that the End of Year Report to the County Commission was favorable, and well received. The following is the link to watch the HRC's End of Year Report: ([insert LINK](#))
- Eke reported that she is still working on getting the Letter regarding the Confederate Flag into the Morning Sun.
- Fall Activities:
 - International Peace Day activity is not happening as planned.

- Indigenous People's Day: Eke can a representative from the Higher Education sub-committee will present the Micro-aggression Study at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on October 10, 2016 from 12-1:30pm.
- Native American Heritage Month Activities: there will be a soup and substance as well as a Food Taster event where organizations can leave information. Shuna Stevens will look into the details of HRC having information at these events.
- Gonzalez and Wendy Hovey participated in Get Acquainted Day at CMU.
- Discussion on the Calendar of Events, the need to update it to February 2017, and possibly posting the calendar on the HRC webpage.
- There was discussion about celebrating MLK Jr. Day in schools, and that Gonzalez would be the contact person for that.

Community Education Subcommittee

- Gonzales reported that there is nothing new to report, but expressed the goal is to do more presentations.
- Gonzales reported that there were no expenditures from the Micro-aggressions Study budget this month. Discussion that there is a need for more tri-folds to be ordered.
- There was discussion on sending out the Micro-aggression study to other Tribes in Michigan, as a way to spread awareness of this topic.

Disability Committee

- Swift did a presentation to the City Council regarding parking issues. There was discussion about HRC collaborating with CMU Student groups who focus on disabilities, as a way to help bring about further awareness.

Law Enforcement

- No report.

6. New Business

- No new business. Appointment of a new chair is postponed until next meeting when the new HRC members will be present.

7. Announcements

- Eke reported that she received a call from someone in Athens, GA, who is trying to get information on Human Rights Committees as they would like to start one there.

8. Adjournment

Poindexter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Swift seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM