

Isabella County Human Rights Committee
January 9, 2023

1. **Welcome and call to order** – Meeting called to order at 5:20pm
 2. **Welcome new members** –
 - Maureen Eke – Chair, Central Michigan University Representative
 - Laura Gourlay – Vice Chair, Mount Pleasant Public Schools Representative
 - Danny McQuarters Jr. - Secretary
 - Amy Shawboose – Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Representative
 - Nicole Haggie
 - Hunter Burch
 - Phillip Mikus
 - Amy Perschbacher
 - Laura Gonzales
 - Steve Swaney
- Absent/Excused:** Sarvjit Chowdhary
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Laura Gourley motions to approve agenda, Second by Laura Gonzales
 - a. Motion passed as amended with the committee setting aside Subcommittee reports.
 4. **Approval of December 2022 minutes** – Tabled.
 5. **Public Safety Report:** Paul Lauria: Mt Pleasant Public Safety – Director Lauria offered updates from mental health professional implementation. There has been a clear a benefit with a mental health coordinator. Mental health calls have doubled and there appears to be more public trust.
 6. **Public Opportunity** to Address the HRC: County Commission Chair came to speak and offered support and appreciation from the county.
 7. **HRC Executive Committee Elections & Sub-Committee Review**
 8. **Committee Elections**
 - a. Chair – Laura Gourlay nominates Maureen Eke for Chair. The nomination was seconded by Laura Gonzales and passed unanimously the committee.
 - b. Vice Chair – Laura Gonzales nominates Laura Gourlay for Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Amy Shawboose and passed the committee.
 - c. Secretary – Amy Perschbacher nominates Danny McQuarters for Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Hunter Burch and passed unanimously.
 - d. Hunter Burch agrees to continue as Social Media Coordinator.
 9. **President's Report**
 - a. Incident report – Maureen Eke investigated the complaint and spoke with multiple parties including the complainant and landlord. Maureen Eke also attended the court hearing for the case. The incident report occurred and Weidman, and Maureen Eke had various meetings with the complainant, provided multiple resources, and drafted a letter of the Human Rights Committee's recommendation. Committee approved letter, with no response from the complaint. The committee agreed to close the case.
 - b. We will meet for retreat on Feb 4, at 10am for team building and a review of bylaws and responsibilities.
 - c. Collaboration with CMU Public Service Residential College – Reached out via email and want to collaborate on student services. Committee discussed different options such as Let Peace Reign. Maureen will have a conversation in

the coming weeks to see what we can do to collaborate and help the students meet their goals.

d. Let Peace Reign would be talked about at the February retreat.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:20pm

Minutes Completed by Danny McQuarters Jr.