

Isabella County Human Rights Committee

Time: 5:15 p.m.

June 07, 2022

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Elizabeth Husbands - Chair

Laura Gurley, Vice Chair, Community Schools Representative

Danny McQuarters Jr. - Secretary

Erica Hopcraft, At Large

Joyce Henricks, At Large

Laura Gonzalez, At Large

Steve Swaney, County Commission Liaison

Sarjit Chowdrey, At Large

Amy Shawboose

Maureen Eke

Absent/Excused: Amy Perschbacher, Shelly Smith

1. **Welcome/ Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda – D. McQuarters motions**
3. **Approval of Past minutes** – Laura Gourley motioned to approve march, Gonzales seconded, carried
4. **Approval of April minutes** - Joyce Henricks motioned to approve, Erica Hopcroft seconded, carried
5. **Public Safety Reports:**
 - a. Mt Pleasant Public Safety – Director Lauria could not make it, Elizabeth.Husbands will give updates in chair report
 - b. Isabella Co Sheriff's Department (invited)
 - c. MI State Police (invited)
 - d. SCIT Police Department (invited)
 - e. CMU Police Department (invited)
6. **General Public Comments Great Lakes Pride visited to update the Human Rights Committee about progress with their sign distribution campaign, Isabella County had second highest amount distributed at 70. Bay City is forming a Human Rights Committee and basing it on Isabella County's Human Rights Committee.**
7. **Reports:**
 - a. Chair Report – Two more officers are hired with Mount Pleasant Police Department; they are now fully staffed. All open positions are filled.
 - b. No reports from Sherriff or state police. Husbands will stop by and speak with them to try and solicit a representative to give regular reports.
 - c. Community Education Committee (Gonzales) – Updates and tasks list are not posted on Google Docs.
 1. Human Libraries -Laura Gourley has reached out and solidified a person to be a "book" for the Human Library
 2. Let Peace Reign – Task assignments updates Law Enforcement (Eke) – Shoots fired reviewed on PBS Frontline. There are opportunities for self-defense classes.

8. New Business:

1. Juneteenth Event with CMU on June 17th
2. Partnership with MPPS and Diversity Equity Inclusion Task Force-Laura Gourley will read statement and ask the school board specific question. The committee gave feedback on the language.
3. Programming plan for next year – Will table programming discussions for next meeting.

i. Quarterly events

1. Issue-based community forums

2. LPR

3. Outreach

1. Old Business:

2. **Maureen Eke motioned to create a social media coordinator and appoint Erica Hopcraft for Social media coordinator with administrative privileges, with chair and vice chair with admin privileges. – Amy Shawboose seconded motion. Carried by the committee unanimously**
 - a. Facebook direction process & tasks/ responsibilities - Community outreach – The chair will develop something in writing for the process for social media. This includes processes of legacies and when/how/what to post.
 - b. MP school board update
3. **Announcements**
4. **Adjournment – Amy Shawboose Motioned to adjourn, seconded by Erica Hopcraft and carried unanimously by the committee**