

Isabella County Human Rights Committee

March 03/07/2022

ATTENDANCE:

Laura Gourlay, Vice Chair, Community School Representative
Danny McQuarters Jr., Secretary
Amy Shawboose, Tribal Representative
Steven Swaney, Commission Liaison
Erica Hopcraft, At Large
Laura Gonzales, At Large
Amy Pershbacher, At Large
Maureen Eke, CMU Representative
Shelly Smith, At Large

Absent/excused; Elizabeth Husbands - Chair, Sarjvit Chowdrey, Joyce Hendricks

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER:

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:24PM BY Laura Gourlay

2. Approval of Agenda:

Additions to the agenda include 8c., in regards to questions about 2% funding updates. Removals included a call to remove 5b-e until progress was made.

The motion to approve was made by Maureen Eke, seconded by Shelly Smith, and carried.

3. Approval of past minutes:

Erica Hopcraft is in the process of trying to recover the files. The committee will review again after they are located and sent.

5. Public Safety Reports:

a. Mt Pleasant	Public	Safety
	The city has secured a quality candidate. Director Lauria will try to get her to a Human Rights Committee Meeting.	
b. Isabella Co Sheriff's Department		
c. MI State Police		
d. SCIT Police Department		
e. CMU Police Department		

6. General Public Comments:

There were no general public comments.

7. Reports

- a. Chair Report
 - i. Zoom Link for Public Discussion
 - ii. Parent Information
- b. Community Education Committee (Gonzales)
 - i. Book Discussion - Look Me in The Eyes Update
 - 1. Discussion went well. 9 total between Zoom and in person participants
 - 2. Took place at the Chippewa River District Library
 - ii. Let Peace Reign - task assignments
 - 1. Laura Gonzales is waiting to hear back from Elizabeth on amphitheater rental, will update once it's booked.
 - 2. Education Subcommittee will discuss Let Peace Reign and update committee members with available tasks
- c. Law Enforcement (Eke)
 - i. Committee update
 - ii. The subcommittee will give an update after the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Facebook direction process & tasks/responsibilities
- b. Schedule for the CMI PowWow Sat 3/19
 - i. Members need to sign-up for two-hour slots
- c. Conversation about 2% grants
 - i. The deadline for the grants was effectively the next day, since the committee has to go through the Isabella County Commission. However, there seems to be some discretionary spending for programming that we can utilize
- d. Annual Report for County Commission

9. Old Business:

- a. MP school board update - Reminder to send letters of support for DEI taskforce

10. Announcements

- Standing with Ukraine demonstration from Central Michigan University, to Downtown Mount Pleasant on March 26, 12-1pm.

THERE WERE NO ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 with a Motion by Maureen Eke and seconded by Amy Shawboose, with unanimous consent from the committee.

Minutes compiled by
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