

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes for April 27, 2010

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Amy Wangen, Steve Wald, Ron Langrell, Kristi Beckman, Lysie Moritz, Kathryn Martin, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Aaron Stewart.

Guest: Dan Kane.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Wald moved to adopt the agenda as written, Commissioner Wangen second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes of March 23, 2010

Minutes are lost in cyber space; we will attempt to retrieve for the next meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

\$117.56 has been spent on board supplies and Taste of Nations.

4. Reports and Updates

- "Take Me Out" – continues at Riverland. 200 of the pamphlets on the 30 Human Rights were printed by Riverland and are being handed out at the showings.
- "God Grew Tired of Us" – will be shown on May 6 at the Public Library. The film follows member of the Denka tribe as they come to the United States. Commissioner Lindbloom reports that Santino Deng has agreed to be there; and she will ask Kim Choul to be there. Advocates for Human Rights will be there also. Commissioner Lindbloom will attempt to secure a volunteer to do a story time for children during the film.
- Jamnesty – will be this Friday, April 30. HRC has committed to a table. We will bring water, our brochures, and our banner. Times for volunteers from the Commission:
 - 3 to 5 PM = Commissioners Lindbloom and Beckman
 - 5 to 7 PM = Commissioners Wangen and Moritz
 - 7 to 9 PM = Commissioner Martin
- Grant Update – Commissioner Lindbloom reported that a meeting with the representative was a positive one. Penny Snipper subsequently contacted Commissioner Lindbloom with some questions after the staff change at the Welcome Center. The grant is on hold due to the connection with the Welcome Center.

Commissioner Lindbloom will try to email any updates regarding the grant as she receives them.

Regarding Sophia Ponce's seat on the Human Rights Commission – we would like to actively recruit a Latino member. Raquel Kahle may consider applying.

Discussion of what help we may be in the selection of or assistance to the new Director of the Welcome Center.

5. Blandin Report

Commissioner Lindbloom reported that it was one of the best professional trainings she has attended. It also had enormous personal value. It is a fabulous investment in people. There was a lot of talk of inclusion and diversity throughout the day.

Commissioner Beckman reported that she is excited about some of the things that are going to happen because of Blandin.

Commissioner Wangen reported it was positive for the HRC. We can make our work known and what we want to do. There was talk of how we can work together to build social capital.

There was discussion of creating a 'Blandin' e-mail list. Twenty-six people attended from Austin.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Wangen reported that she will be contacting the office of Justice Alan Page regarding Martin Luther King Day of 2011. She reported that he has an educational foundation that awards scholarships to youth of color to attend a Minnesota school. Scholarship recipients must do a service project in their community.

7. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Mr. Dan Kane addressed the Commission. He has reviewed several years of budget amounts. The ordinance addressing the Human Rights Commission needed re-writing. He thanks the Commission for public data he has received and requests the data he has not received. He believes we should provide data on persons of color of our partners. He states that allowing public review of media but not grant application continues to make him feel marginalized.

Our next meeting will be May 25, 2010.

Commissioner Langrell moved to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin, secretary