

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes for February 23, 2010**

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Steve Wald, Amy Wangen, Aaron Stewart, Lysie Moritz, Kathryn Martin, Kristi Beckman, and Ron Langrell.

Absent: Sophia Ponce and Trish Wiechmann.

Guest: Dan Kane.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

Introductions were made and welcome extended to Commissioner Moritz and Commissioner Beckman.

1. Agenda:

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

2. Approval of January 26, 2010 minutes:

Commissioner Wangen moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report:

There were no new expenditures.

4. Update on Grant Submission:

Commissioner Lindbloom reported that she and Commissioner Wangen have continued to work on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant application. She submitted to the Commission a draft of the application for review. The time frame for the plan will be July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. We need three letters of support to submit with the application. It needs to be mailed next Friday.

5. Plan for March 18 – Which Way Home and Immigration 101 workshop:

Which Way Home will show in the afternoon in the Riverland Community College West Building for the Generations group. Immigration 101 will be in the West Building in the evening. If some of the Commissioners can be there it would be helpful.

6. Discussion on Development of an Attendance Policy:

Discussion of possible problems or barriers for Commissioners to attend our meetings.  
Discussion of what some other boards and commissions policies and ideas are about attendance.  
Discussion of importance of attendance and participation in the events we plan. Talked about extending communication, and shoot for a time limit at our monthly meetings.

## 7. Reports

A. Census Committee – Commissioners Martin and Wald reported that the committee held 2 meetings in February. They are finalizing plans with regional census officials for locations for assistance with the forms and how many man hours will be allotted for each location. There are still some nice give-away items to distribute with more coming on Friday. Commissioner Wangen will call the regional office to set up contact between the office and the ESL instructors.

B. Essay Contest – Commissioner Lindbloom has secured a \$100.00 savings bond from US Bank. Commissioner Wangen will secure two additional savings bonds. Each member of the Commission will receive an e-mail from Trish Wiechmann when it is time for the screen readings of the essays.

C. Next Film – Commissioner Lindbloom asked for a committee of volunteers to arrange for our next film. Commissioners Wangen, Beckman, and Martin volunteered.

## 8. Other Business:

A. Commissioner Wangen reported there will be an event on March 20 at the Oak Park Mall called Taste of the Nations. There will be food samples and information on services our community has to offer. It was discussed that the Human Rights Commission should set up a table to promote our material and participation in the census.

B. Commissioner Wangen reported that on April 9 Stage Left will perform at Riverland Staff Development Day from 11:30 to 12:15. Our HRC brochures can be there for the audience.

C. Commissioner Lindbloom reported on an upcoming GLBT event at Riverland the week of April 12. There will be two shows; one all men and one all women. The theater department is now beginning to ask for partners to sponsor the event. After short discussion, Commissioner Langrell moved the Commission produce/partner by contributing \$250.00, Commissioner Wangen second, motion passed unanimously.

## 9. Citizens Addressing the Commission:

Mr. Dan Kane addressed the commission. He stated it is extremely difficult to follow budget of a grant without the budget in front of him. He would like a complete copy of the grant once the grant is submitted. He renews his request for information contained in e-mail to include partners. He is concerned that the savings bonds for the essay contest are for a 16 to 20 year payback.

Our next meeting will be March 23, 2010 @ 6 pm. Commissioner Wald moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin