

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes for May 27, 2010

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

Absent: Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

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

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Beckman moved to approve the minutes from March 23, 2010, Commissioner Stewart second, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wangen moved to approve the minutes from April 27, 2010, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

No new expenditures.

4. Reports/Updates

A. God Grew Tired of Us – Commissioner Beckman reported the event was well attended; about 58 people attended. Many people have told her they would like it shown again. The conversation spilled out into the parking lot after the Library closed. Commissioner Lindbloom has copies of the movie for us to borrow for personal use. Discussion on perhaps showing again for public and in schools.

B. Grant Update – Blue Cross/Blue Shield is requiring race training for us and for the Welcome Center as a part of consideration for the grant. It is 2 to 3 hour training. We will invite members of our partner entities.

C. Rochester Library/Race Exhibit – Discussion on possibly partnering with Community Ed to sponsor transportation to the exhibit. Discussion on talking with the School District to include students from summer sessions and the Be Your Best students. Possibly an inter-district venture. After some discussion Commissioner Wangen moved to use \$300.00 to sponsor mass transportation: less as negotiable. Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

D. State Essay Contest – Miss Josie Nelson won 3rd prize in the state contest. She received a monetary prize and read her essay at the award ceremony.

E. Opening on the Commission – Sophia Ponce is no longer eligible since she is not living in Austin. Some applications have been received.

5. Other Business

Commissioner Wangen reported she has no update on Alan Page other than he is going to speak at the Cannon Falls Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Dan Kane had sent an article from the Tribune about a Riverland graduate. She will forward the article.

Commissioner Lindbloom commented on the plays at Riverland, “Take Me Out” and “Says She”, how powerful their messages came across.

Upcoming events for this summer: Art in the Park and the Sudanese Fest.

Our next meeting will be June 22 at 6 pm.

Commissioner Beckman moved to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin, secretary