

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes for March 22, 2011

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Kristi Beckman, Ron Langrell, Jake Vela, Aaron Stewart, Kathryn Martin and Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Amy Wangen, Steve Wald and Lysie Moritz.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Vela moved to approve the agenda, Commissioner Beckman second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of January 25, 2011 minutes (no February quorum/minutes)

Commissioner Vela moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Langrell second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

\$2,500.00 has been spent since last meeting. Costs covered include: final costs for James Kates, bullying movie at AHS, Facing Race training and ads for MLK Celebration.

4. Reports

- New Conversations Training on February 4 – Again, there was a really good turn out!
- Bullied Film on February 7 – During the public showing the night before there were 175 people in attendance.
- Welcome to Shelbyville event on February 18 – Good discussion! Perhaps we can continue to reach the community through churches.

5. Updates

- Alan Page, March 23 – Commissioner Wangen has done an amazing job with the planning of this event. There will be a meet and greet at 1 pm for 25 AHS Seniors. The main assembly will be at 2 pm. Justice Page will talk about scholarships offered through the Page Foundation. Miguel Garate is bring the Cycles for Success students. Domingo Ramirez will introduce Justice Page. After Justice Page speaks, he will answer questions generated by students. KSMQ will film the assembly. There has been a press release to the media and they will have access for questions following the assembly.
- Taste of Nations, April 16 – Will be at the Oak Park Mall. We will provide food support for vendors. Our table will have a video camera and do a “My Story” piece. CORE will be there, too.

- Film Festival, May 20-22 – Advocates for Human Rights are assisting. We have secured the rights for: “The Visitor”, “Shrek” en Espanol, “Percepolis”, “The Unreturned” and “Out of the Silence”. The Paramount Theatre will provide the building and the staff.

6. Capacity Building / Strategic Planning

Nancy Franke Wilson will be with us on April 2 at Christ Episcopal Church.

7. Media Campaign

Billboards will begin going up in May at 3 locations.

8. Essay Contest

Essays are in. Commissioners will take them this evening to do initial readings. Commissioner Lindbloom will get them to a local writers group for selection of the first, second and third place winners. Commissioners Lindbloom and Martin will secure two more savings bonds for the winning students. The awards will be presented at the April 4 City Council Meeting.

9. Other Business

- Advocates for Human Rights did Immigration 101 training for Sumner staff.
- Youth for Human Rights campaign has focused on bullying as a violation of human rights.
- Commissioner Beckman reports that the Sumner students will be relocated to Riverland Community College beginning in mid-May to allow for some needed school renovations. This would be an opportunity for some fun and unique interactions with such a young, diverse group on a college campus. We would like to promote some community interaction.

10. Citizens Addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the Commission this evening.

Our next meeting will be April 26, 2011 at 6 pm. Commissioner Vela moved to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin, secretary