

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes for February 24, 2009**

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Ron Langrell, Kathryn Martin, Steve Wald, and Troy Nelson.

Absent: Bob Vilt, Sandy Anderson, Sue Stevenson, Liliana Silvestry, and Tricia Wiechmann (city liaison).

Guest: Dan Kane.

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Martin suggested amending the agenda to include announcements regarding commission membership after agenda item number 4. Commissioner Langrell moved to adopt the amended agenda, Commissioner Nelson second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes from January 27, 2009

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

3. Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Lindbloom reported on our financial status. We have received \$1500.00 grant from Bremer which is intended to be used for strategic planning (\$1000.00) and for working with the Advocates for Human Rights (\$500.00). We have received \$3500.00 from the City of Austin which is intended to be used for media campaign and education. Commissioner Martin moved to accept the financial report, Commissioner Nelson second, motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports/Discussion

A. Essay Contest – Commissioner Martin will ask Tricia Wiechmann to e-mail the Commissioners regarding the exact timeline for the receipt and return of the essays by those Commissioners who wish to participate in the screenings of the essays. Also to ask for some clarification of obtaining the savings bonds for the 1st through 3rd place winners.

B. Strategic Planning Session – The session will be held Saturday, March 7, 2009 as scheduled in the large meeting room at the Public Library. We will come in casual dress. We will e-mail Commissioner Lindbloom for sign-up of which food category we would like to bring.

5. Commission Membership Announcements

Commissioner Lindbloom made some announcements regarding membership of the commission. Commissioner Silvestry is moving; her appointment will be open. Commissioner

Anderson's work hours are not changing as she expected; her appointment will be open. Aaron Stewart is expected to be appointed as a Commissioner. There was some discussion about encouraging people to apply for an appointment.

6. New Business

Commissioner Langrell shared a couple of items regarding anticipated effect of stimulus package for RCC.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Martin reminded everyone to try to help with the essay screening.

8. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Mr. Dan Kane expressed that he hopes that we acknowledge Commissioner Silvestry for her patience and for how well she treats others. He thanked the commission for MLK Celebration. He had some hand-outs for the new members that he had already given to established members. He asked about our election of officers which was held in January.

Our next meeting will be March 24th, at 6 pm at the Public Library.

Commissioner Langrell moved to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin