

Human Rights Commission
Minutes for July 14, 2009

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Troy Nelson, Kathryn Martin, Steve Wald, Bob Vilt and Aaron Stewart

Absent: Ron Langrell and Amy Wangen

Guest: Dan Kane

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

1. Agenda

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

2. Approval of May 26, 2009 minutes

Commissioner Stewart moved to approve the minutes, second by Commissioner Lindbloom, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

No new expenditures. Balance remains \$3,474.44

4. Report by Media Committee

Commissioner Lindbloom has asked Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Wangen to look at 30 PSA's from the Youth for Human Rights. We viewed their choices of clips #1, #29, and #30. They will "tag" them at the end. Commissioner Lindbloom would like our website to improve.

5. Review of HRC Work plan

A. Commissioner Vilt will consider writing an article on the history of immigration in our area.

B. The media committee will develop a human rights piece as a response to anti-immigration rallies. The commission talked about how we may be less interested in a comment about the immigration debate and more interested in encouraging respect for human rights.

C. Commissioners Lindbloom, Stewart, and Martin will work on a budget presentation for the City Council. We will ask for a time to present on August 17.

D. Mayor Stiehm is arranging a meeting in mid-August for formation of a Complete Count Census Committee. He would like to attract members from churches, schools, the human rights commission, and other organizations.

6. New Business

No new business.

7. Other Business

A. The Heritage Festival is cancelled.

B. On July 25 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM candidates for governor are invited to meet with the public at Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch.

8. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Mr. Kane is concerned about the elimination of the heritage festival. He feels it is a significant community event that benefits many. He asked about the Advocates for Human Rights Grant and Commissioner Lindbloom responded with information on that funding. He thinks a promotional amount of \$1000.00 and community circle amount of \$1500.00 is reinventing the wheel or using a method that is rather selective and not as inclusive as we could make it. Commissioner Lindbloom explained these are planning funds. She explained the structure of the grant and what is allowed to be applied for. Mr. Kane asked if identification of languages will be presented at the August meeting.

Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin