

Human Rights Commission Minutes for December 14, 2010

Present: Kirsten Lindbloom, Jake Vela, Lysie Moritz, Kristi Beckman, Amy Wangen, Steve Wald, Ron Langrell, Kathryn Martin, and Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Aaron Stewart.

Guests: No guests were present this evening.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Commissioner Lindbloom.

1. Agenda

Commissioner Wald moved to adopt the agenda with the suggested addition of MLK under reports, Commissioner Martin second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of November 22, 2010 minutes

Commissioner Wald moved to approve the minutes with the correction of Commissioner Beckman's first name, Commissioner Wangen second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Expenditure for Christmas in the City supplies was \$72.49.

Expenditure for second 'Facing Race' training room rental fees and lunch were \$543.84.

Expenditure for Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, for guest speaker's flight and curriculum for equity classes were \$695.80.

4. Rescheduling of Welcome to Shelbyville event

After some discussion we still plan on a screening of the film. It will require some planning between other events. It will at least be after MLK.

5. Reports and Updates

- Christmas in the City Event – Commissioner Beckman reported that over 200 cups of ponche were served to attendees. She said many students were there, as well as families. She stated it would be worth doing again and fun to try a different food sample. Also, Queen of Angels is having a posada this Friday at 7:00 PM.
- Beads on a String – Commissioner Beckman reported that about 150 people attended.
- Human Rights Conference on December 3 – Commissioner Moritz reported she very much enjoyed the Q&A with Coach Boone and the GLBT session. Commissioner Vela commented on a great Immigration Relief session and on Coach Boone, Commissioner Wald stated

Coach Boone and also learned a lot in a session about Islam, Commissioner Langrell highlighted Coach Boone's address. Commissioner Stewart had attended as well.

- Know Your Rights Training – The Advocates for Human Rights will be doing this training after MLK.
- MLK celebration – The Frank W Bridges Theatre is arranged. Josie Nelsen, the essay winner, will be asked to read her essay. Students from CORE will read excerpts from the book 'Letters from Mississippi'. Music is still to be arranged. This is the 25th year of MLK Day as a federal holiday. Some communities use the day off as an opportunity for community service. We'd like to think of 25 ideas for service and send out a week prior in Hy-Vee grocery bags.

6. Other Business

- Bullied – The AHS diversity club, now the gay/straight alliance, want to do a week long education using the film 'Bullied'. The film is about a student who was bullied in middle school and sued his school district. The subject of the film will come and speak. Due to the related chemical use, CHAI will pay for his presentation. The night before the school presentation there will be a public presentation. Some other partners are interested in funding also.
- Paramount Theater – The Paramount Theater is considering partnering with us for a film.
- CORE – CORE is trying to put together a multi-district meeting for a day of leadership training. With a goal of maybe four or so groups to participate.
- Email list – A discussion about if it would be possible for people to be on an email list from our website (besides Facebook) to receive alerts of activities and events.
- School Calendar Change – A short discussion on how a possible change in school calendar could affect future MLK Day activities.

7. Citizens Addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the commission this evening.

Our next meeting will be January 25, 2011

Commissioner Wald moved to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn Martin, secretary