

**Human Rights Commission  
Minutes of October 25, 2011**

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

Absent: Ron Langrell and Trish Wiechmann

Guest: Dan Kane

Commissioner Lindbloom called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

1. Adopt/Amend Agenda

Commissioner Wald moved to adopt the agenda as written, Commissioner Vela second.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wald moved to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011, Commissioner Wangen second.

3. Treasurer's Report

Currently there is \$3,063.00 in the treasury.

4. Old Business

- MLK Event – Naomi Tutu is available to come to Austin for two days. Approximately 80% of the needed funding has been secured through other entities in Austin. Tentative plans are for Ms. Tutu to speak at our evening event and then speak to grades 8 - 12 at AHS. There would also be music and the HRC award. We will have to secure a site for the evening event. Commissioner Vela moved HRC to spend \$1,500.00 for MLK, Commissioner Wangen second, motion passed unanimously.
- Listening Group Data – Commissioners Wald, Moritz and Lindbloom will meet at 5:30 pm prior to our next meeting to review the data. They will report to the Commission during our next meeting.
- Fall Event Planning – Discussion on a film for Human Rights Day (December 10). Possibly a film highlighting the struggles in Myanmar.
- Report from Nancy Franke Wilson – Report will be forwarded to us and we will address at next meeting.

## 5. New Business

- Award – The annual award should still be presented at the MLK Event. The deadline for submission should be about December 9. We will decide on the winner at the December 20 meeting.

## 6. Other Business

- Commissioner Lindbloom wishes to relinquish chair in January 2012. She is not leaving the Commission.
- The Scary Guy is here October 31 to November 11. He will be in the schools working with students and staff. There is a community presentation on November 1.
- A Smithsonian piece is at Riverland in the library, “Why Treaties Matter”. Treaties that affect Minnesota are included. There is a speaker in November. The exhibit is here until November 23.
- The landlord video is being developed by the Welcome Center and the Human Rights Commission. The goal is to have it done by the end of the year.
- Vision 20/20 had many applicants.

## 7. Communications

Events needing communication plans are: Human Rights Day and MLK event.

## 8. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Commissioner Lindbloom gave Mr. Kane some documents which were prepared for him at his request. He thanked the Commission and stated he had requested the documents a year ago. He states he wishes a copy of the proposed by-law changes and a copy of Nancy Franke Wilson report. In regard to the September 2011 minutes he requests that the first and last five paragraphs of what he provided be referenced.

## 9. Next meeting is November 22, 2011 in the public library.

Commissioner Vela moved to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin, secretary