

**Human Rights Commission
Minutes of March 27, 2012**

Present: Kristi Beckman, Aaron Stewart, Jack Wittkopp, Kirsten Lindbloom, Steve Wald, Jake Vela, Kathryn Martin and Trish Wiechmann (city liaison).

Absent: Lysie Moritz and Ron Langrell.

Guest: Dan Kane.

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

1. Adopt/Amend the Agenda

It was suggested to add the film festival to reports and to correct the date of the next meeting to April 24, 2012. Commissioner Lindbloom moved to adopt the agenda with these changes, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wittkopp moved to approve the February 28, 2012 minutes, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Travel Expense for Naomi Tutu - \$230.40.
2012 expenses paid so far is \$891.12 leaving a balance of \$2,608.88.

Commissioner Vela asked if people can make donations. Trish Wiechmann said she will check on that.

4. Essay Contest

The subcommittee has been reading essays and will talk together after the meeting tonight. Commissioner Lindbloom moved to give the subcommittee the authority to decide the essay contest winners, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stewart has secured one Kindle sponsorship from IBI Data, Commissioners Vela and Lindbloom volunteered to each secure one Kindle sponsorship. After discussion it was decided to change the date of presentation at the City Council to April 16. Trish Wiechmann will notify the students and teachers.

5. Reports and Discussions

Nancy Franke Wilson Report – Commissioner Lindbloom handed out the report from Nancy Franke Wilson. It focuses on communities our size or larger. Ms Wilson made phone calls,

researched web sites and minutes from meetings, etc to determine activity. We will read the report and come to the next meeting with comments and questions.

Commissioner Lindbloom handed out the schedule for the film festival. All films are free at the paramount. Posters are being created. We will utilize Facebook, press releases, our website, and there was discussion on having an ad in the paper. Commissioner Vela moved to allow up to \$300.00 for advertisement for the film festival, Commissioner Wittkopp second, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lindbloom volunteered to meet with the Bogott's and present them with their award.

Taste of Nations – CORE will likely be close to us. We will do a post it of where we are from. It would be helpful if Commissioners would sign up for time slots

Financial Literacy Initiative – The MDHR and Dept of Commerce have a focus on financial literacy in April. Trish Wiechmann e-mailed them that we have Taste of Nations on April 21, and if they have some information we could put it out on our table.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Vela reported that he and some staff members from the Welcome Center went to the Tri-State Human Rights Conference at Winona State University. He reports that it was interesting and he met a lot of Rochester HRC members. If they hold the conference again next year he recommends that we attend.

7. Communications

Advertisement for the Film Festival as previous. Taste of Nations is being taken care of by those organizers.

8. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Dan Kane addressed the commission. He asked if 'Babe' has subtitles. A commissioner stated it has Spanish voice with English subtitles. He asked if perhaps for the next meeting he could be provided with the total amount of money spent by the HRC for Naomi Tutu and also for Nancy Franke Wilson.

Our next meeting will be April 24, 2012.

Commissioner Stewart moved to adjourn at 7:12. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Martin, secretary