

**Human Rights Commission  
Minutes of January 22, 2013**

Present: Jake Vela, Lynsie Moritz, Kirsten Lindbloom, Kathryn Martin, Steve Wald, Tiago Ferreira, Darya Gemmel and Ojoye Akane.

Absent: Aaron Stewart and Trish Wiechmann.

Guest: Dan Kane.

1. Agenda

A suggestion was made to move film festival discussion to #5. Commissioner Lindbloom moved to adopt the agenda with that change, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wald moved to approve the minutes of November 27, 2012, Commissioner Vela second, motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

The balance from the 2012 budget is \$46.17. We have a bill for a plaque for the HRC Award for \$42.75. Discussion on spending money for film rights and a billboard. Commissioner Wald moved to spend \$396.51 for film rights and for a billboard, Commissioner Vela second.

4. Welcome New Commissioners

Welcome to Commissioner Ferreira and Commissioner Gemmel. Introductions were made.

5. Film Selection

Commissioner Lindbloom stated she appreciated the Commission hung in there while she was teaching Tuesday classes. Talking with the Paramount, they had March 7th, 8th, and 9th available. (The Commission had discussed last year that we might try to have the film festival earlier in the year.) Discussion on budget and ideas for films. Commissioner Vela moved to approve a budget of up to \$1000.00 for two more film rights and for posters and handouts, Commissioner Wald second, motion passed unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

Nominations open for chair or co-chairs. Commissioner Moritz nominated Jake Vela, Commissioner Vela accepted. No other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominations open for secretary. Commissioner Wald nominated Kathryn Martin, Commissioner Martin accepted. No other nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. Reports and Discussions

MLK Event – 50 to 55 attendees. Panelists did a great job. Jenny Harves was presented the HRC Award. Post Bulletin and Daily Herald were there. We hope it energized people to find more ways to volunteer.

Essay Contest – The topic is forwarded to the schools, and then we will read and select the winners. Submission deadline to state is March 15. Deadline to City Council is March 1. A subcommittee will read the essays. Volunteers for the subcommittee are: Commissioners Gemmel, Martin, Ferreira, Akane and Moritz. The subcommittee will meet on 5 pm on February 26. Commissioner Vela will seek donations for Kindles and he will email Trish to get info on the timeline of essay contest.

## 8. New Business

MN United would like the Commission to support a Bill in Minnesota to make same sex marriage possible. We will invite them to our February meeting.

## 9. Other Business

No other business.

## 10. Citizens Addressing the Commission

Dan Kane addressed the Commission. Mr. Kane stated Marissa and Ethan did a terrific job. He was thrilled to see the age groups represented. The silence was powerful during the words of Dr King, but the words were too fast, a brochure would have been welcome. He commented that it was not the most diverse of populations of the community on the stage. As far as publicity, Commissioner Vela's article was good but too far from the event. Regarding the film festival, he wants us to proceed cautiously based on last year's attendance. He amends his previous comment of fourteen dollars a plate for a previous event from unconscionable to outrageous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Martin, secretary