

Human Rights Commission
July 28, 2014

Present: Jake Vela, Richard Lemons, Lyndsey Waletzke, Darya Gemmel, and Kathryn Martin,
Absent: Ojoye Akane, Chrissy Stiehm, Aaron Stewart, Lysie Moritz and Trish Wiechmann
(city liaison).

Meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by Commissioner Vela.

1. Adopt/Amend Agenda

Commissioner Gemmel proposed to add 'KSMQ Beyond the Bully Documentary' under new business. Commissioner Lemons moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Commissioner Waletzke second, motion carried.

2. Approval of May 19, 2014 Minutes

Commissioner Lemons moved to adopt the May 19 minutes as written, Commissioner Gemmel second, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Year to date we have paid out \$615.82. Since our last meeting we have paid \$100.00 for our Artworks booth. Balance at present is \$2,884.18. Outstanding at present is \$500.00 for the photo project. We will have expenses for the supplies for the Artworks Festival.

4. Reports and Discussions

- Artworks Festival – Commissioner Gemmel brought a sample of the art project for children - a foam shape with themes of love and caring, that the children decorate, with a magnet clip on the back. There will be half sheets with family friendly discussion topics on human rights issues to place in the clip. The Commission members present liked the project very much.

Commissioner Gemmel wanted clarification of the amount set for supplies for the artworks festival. After re-reading the minutes and a short discussion between Commissioners who were also at the last meeting, we concurred that the intention is that up to \$200.00 is for supplies for the projects and that the booth rental of \$100.00 is separate and not included in the \$200.00.

Commissioner Vela will put out a doodle for sign up and we may also have volunteers from the community.

- Strategic Planning Session – The session will take place on Saturday, September 20th in the large meeting room at the library from 9am to 4pm. Several of the Commissioners present communicated that they would be present that day. Commissioner Martin volunteered to provide lunch.

Discussion was held regarding engaging Kathy Stutzman as the facilitator. The cost would be \$850.00 for the day which includes \$500.00 for the daily rate and supplies, and \$350.00 for

the one hour preparation meeting and the summary report. Commissioner Lemons moved to accept Ms. Stutzman's offer, Commissioner Gemmel second, motion passed unanimously.

5. New Business

Beyond the Bully – Commissioner Gemmel informed the Commission of the filming of a documentary that is being filmed in our area called '*Beyond the Bully*'. Penny Skauge of KSMQ is looking for sponsorship and partnerships. Robin Robinson will be anchoring. Filming has included youth clubs in Rochester, and in Kasson-Mantorville. It is scheduled to be released this fall. Discussion was held on ways we could participate such as host a public viewing.

6. Other Business

Budget Request – A letter was submitted on July 7th to the City of Austin for a 2015 budget of \$4,500.00. The Commission would like an increase due to the fact that we are having a strategic planning session which will help us plan new activities and engage a wider audience.

7. Communications

No communications at this time.

8. Citizens Addressing the Commission

No citizens addressed the commission at this time.

Our next meeting will be August 25, 2014.

Commissioner Lemons moved to adjourn at 7:01 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn Martin, Secretary