

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2021**

Members Appearing: Sarah Hartman, Stephanie Holtorf, Vickie Spyhalski, An Le, Varinh Van Vugt, Miguel Garate, Trish Wiechmann and Jeff Austin, Council representative.

Absent: Lia Culbert, Laura Helle and Jenni Braaten

Commissioner Hartman called meeting to order at 5:36 pm with quorum present.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda – Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Commissioner Le seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Spyhalski motioned to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes. Commissioner Le seconded to adopt and approve the reading of the minutes from September 28, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Budget Report – We still have \$479.70. However, we have \$300 for Day of the Dead that was approved at the last meeting. After the \$300, there will be \$179.70 leftover.

Unfinished Business:

4. Commission T-shirt Discussion
 - City Liaison Wiechmann – showed the options of shirts and name tags that we have had in the past. Name tags were only \$9 in the past from Moline. We would like to use name tags for now as it would be easier to use when going to an event from work.
 - Commissioner Le motioned to approve the purchase of name tags for Commissioner Members. Commissioner Vugt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Write on Race Journaling Project
 - Commissioner Spyhalski – the second meeting was last night. We have some feedback on Write on Race. The microphones were not working very well and it was hard to hear people. Commissioner Spyhalski will reach out and give feedback to Stacy and Bukata.

Other Business:

6. Remaining Funds
 - Zonta – Have not heard back yet from Commissioner Culbert and we have tried to contact multiple times. We will wait until they contact us.
 - 2021 Rural Equity Summit – Commissioners Vugt and Garate will attend.
 - 2022 Social Justice Book Club – We would like to help lead a discussion for the book club. Discussed a Spanish book club as well. Commissioner Holtorf and Spyhalski could help facilitate a discussion next year. Commissioner Van Vugt could also help for one in 2022. Riverland will be helping as well.

- Brochure redesign – In the past have done – pencils, buttons, brochures, shirts and name tags. We would like to update pictures. We would like to add some more information about Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Increase borders so we can increase font size.

7. Round table:

- Commissioner Garate – Monday and Tuesday November 1st and 2nd - Riverland College Cafeteria 8 to 11 am. Day of the Dead. Hot Chocolate. There will be an altar with pictures.
- Next meeting is November 23, 2021 at 5:30 pm. We will discuss December meeting next time.
- Commissioner Holtorf moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vugt seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

With no further business identified, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Holtorf, Secretary