

Meeting Date: February 7th 2011
Called to order: 5:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Laura Gonzales
Shirley Decker
Robert Newby
Maureen Eke
Susan Poindexter
Mandy Wigren

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Husbands
Jeannie Jackson
Kira Gray

1. Welcome and Introductions:

- Laura Gonzales

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Move to approval by Shirley Decker; seconded by Sue Poindexter.

3. Public Comment:

- None

4. Approval of Minutes from January 3rd:

- Spell checking and corrections made to minutes.
- Comment made that minutes need to be added to the website by Christy Cotter, after approval.
- Comment made to have the possible interns last names added to the minutes; Joe Albrecht and Nick Varner.
- Questions posed about the quotes for our brochures; Elizabeth Husbands did get the quote while last meeting in session.
- Move to approve minutes, as amended, by Sue Poindexter; seconded by Shirley Decker

5. Old Business:

Intern Status

- Joseph Albrecht is still interested in the internship; Laura had contact with Ann Hornak; his advisor. He is hopefully going to attend the next meeting in March.
- Laura, Jeannie and Elizabeth are to meet with Joseph Albrecht to explain his duties.
- Advertisement for the second intern position will be requested to be placed in local papers, Morning Sun, Tribal Observer, CM Life.

County Employee Diversity

- Laura, Bob, and Jeannie discussed their request of information about County employee racial identity in their recent meeting with Tim Dolehanty, County

Administrator. Tim was not comfortable sharing that information. He said he would check to see what his professional association does.

- a) Maureen was concerned that knowing the demographics of county employees is important information to know how diverse the county workers are and in terms of service.
- b) The topic is still in discussion.

Grants

- Maureen to work on the Tribal 2% grant on her own.
- Everyone's opinions were needed for the grant focus.
- There was a discussion about having a Diversity Coordinator position again.
- February 25th 2011 is the deadline for the 2% grant to be submitted to the County Administrators Office.
- Group is concerned with duplicating services with the Michigan Roundtable with the ideas of a "speaker series".
- The group discussed how we needed to make the grant as different as possible, as it has been turned down in the past.
- Three projects were discussed and it was agreed that they would be included in the 2% grant request.
 - a) A film series was discussed to be held at Veteran's Memorial Library and the Broadway Theatre, possibly quarterly and possibly have a speaker there to discuss the film. The film would cost about \$250 to rent each film.
 - b) Hosting a booth at the Isabella County Fair-what would the cost be? Ideas about possibly having a game at the booth or some kind of entertainment to draw attention to it.
 - c) Educational Programming; a possible event hosted in the fall, an educational series about human rights for the community. It would be partial entertainment and literature. Maybe center the series towards school age children.
 - The group was concerned about the school aged children, what are they learning in schools about human rights?

6. New Business:

- Laura Gonzales to do a proposed budget for a film series; films discussed for viewing were identity films, indigenous rights, LGBT issues and rights, gender violence and human trafficking.
- Group to produce a t-shirt for the County Fair
- Mandy Wigren to get a quote to host a booth at the Isabella County Fair.
- Maureen to write the 2% Tribal Grant and is to send the finished document to group members for approval and comment.
- Idea for a possible speaker for a future meeting. There is an issue with the Mt. Pleasant High School and bullying; the harassed student will possibly be coming to the next meeting. Maureen is to discuss the possibility with that student and their parents.
- Group had questions about the new agreement with the Tribe, Isabella County and the City; what exactly does it mean?

7. Round Table:

- Eliminated due to the length of the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.; motion by Robert Newby.