

**Members Present:**

Laura Gonzales  
Elizabeth Husbands  
Robert Newby  
Susan Poindexter  
Lisa Sovereign  
Raquel Fruh  
Mandy Wigren  
Maureen Eke  
Jeannie Jackson  
Shirley Decker

**Members Absent:**

Kira Gray

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**1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members**

Committee members and student intern Joe Albrecht, were welcomed by Laura Gonzales, Chair.

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Added to the agenda by Maureen Eke was a report on the Boarding School Presentation and a report on the Ziibiwing Presentation as attended by Raquel Fruh, as well as Maureen Eke's Human Rights conference in the fall. A motion was made by Shirley Decker and seconded by Raquel Fruh to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members.

**3. Public Comments:**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting**

The minutes from last month's meeting were approved, with the addition of Shirley Decker's name to the members present, and other minor corrections. The motion to accept the minutes as presented made by Shirley Decker and seconded by Raquel Fruh. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members present.

**5. Old Business:**

*a) Grad Student/HRC Intern Update:*

1. Graduate student Joe is currently working to develop a format for the HRC newsletter. He had questions regarding the number of pages, content, and frequency for the newsletter. He would like input from the committee members regarding format; electronic vs. traditional paper/hardcopy.
  - i. Who will it be distributed to? Mi Roundtable, MPDG, and other groups that focus on human rights.
  - ii. A suggestion was made to acquire the mailing list that is used for distribution of the current county Parks & Rec newsletter and to send the HRC new letter to these individuals.
2. Check into the possibility of creating a Facebook page/account for the HRC
3. Develop a contact list for newsletter distribution

#### 4. Funding & grant research

Laura will email a list of possible tasks to members for them to rank/prioritize their preferences for tasks.

##### b) *Rack Cards & Banner*

- Do we want a contact email of some kind on the rack card? Laura Gonzales will contact Tim Dolehanty and request the creation of an HRC email address that can be used on the cards. Missing information regarding Lisa Sovereign (3 year term ending Feb 2014) and Raquel Fruh (completing a term, September 2011) terms was gathered and will be supplied to the printer.

##### c) *Grants Request*

- The grant request was not funded. Laura Gonzales sent out an email with the grant priorities that were funded.

##### d) *MI Round Table*

- Last meeting May 26, 2011 at 6:30
- A draft of the DVD was shown by Steve Spreitzer for Mt Pleasant, feedback was provided included the recommendation to make it more inclusive and representative of Isabella County
- Working Group Committee Chairs are Jim Moreno—Business & Commerce; Ulana—Education; Frank Cloutier & Bob Newby—Law Enforcement; Audra Daniels—Health Care

##### e) *Isabella Co Committee on Hate Crimes*

- Report from Raquel Fruh, she and Jeannie Jackson met and she was provided with an update and history and current status of the group.
- Mandy Wigren and Raquel Fruh are planning on attending the next meeting in Lansing on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Jeannie Jackson will check her schedule for availability.

#### 7. **New Business:**

##### a. Boarding School Planning meeting

Maureen Eke attended two planning meetings as well as the morning service today at 6:00 AM graveside to provide the opportunity for healing. To date 147 dead have been uncovered; June 6, 2011 is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the school. Formal records state 47 students died; information on the deaths is incomplete and partial ranging in age from 2 to 21.

- HRC needs to look at developing programs that create outlets/opportunities for healing.
- The curriculum developed by the Ziibiwing staff is available on-line at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) or can be purchased from the Ziibiwing Center for \$10.00.
  - Additional text created to be used in K-12 schools was created in six months.

##### b. Fall Human Rights Conference—Maureen Eke:

HRC members have been invited to attend the conference November 10 – 13, here in Mt Pleasant. It will be hosted by CMU. There are currently 120 abstracts submitted for presenters.

- Scheduled presenters include: a conductor of music created by victims of Nazi camps, former Captain of the Iraq war and Indonesian rights activist, Winona LaDuke, and Dennis Banks.
- Registration costs: \$160.00; free to CMU students; Isabella Co residents \$50.00
- Should HRC be a cosponsor?

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM in a motion by Jeannie Jackson, seconded by Lisa Sovereign and unanimously carried by all members present.