

Members Present:

Laura Gonzales
Elizabeth Husbands
Robert Newby
Susan Poindexter
Lisa Sovereign
Mandy Wigren
Maureen Eke
Shirley Decker
Joe Albrecht—Intern

Members Absent:

Kira Gray
Raquel Fruh—excused
Jeannie Jackson—excused

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

A request was made by to add the following items to the agenda was raised by Elizabeth Husbands; a discussion of her current position designation as Tribal Representative and a possible pending incident report. The motion made by Susan Poindexter and seconded by Elizabeth Husbands to add the items to the agenda. 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. The motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Shirley Decker and seconded by Elizabeth Husbands. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members present.

5. Old Business:

a) Graduate Student Intern Priority Ranking Results:

1. According to the results of the polls the most important items to the members were:
 - i. Research for available grants and help to develop grant proposals
 - ii. Develop & maintain a quarterly newsletter
 - iii. Strengthen public relations efforts of the HRC through a number of mediums
 - iv. Develop/plan a program event for the Fall

b) Grad Student/HRC Intern Update:

1. Graduate student Joe is currently working to develop the HRC newsletter. The first edition will be ready for distribution by Mainstage. The newsletter will be a Quarterly paper and will contain information about the HRC and biographies of each of the current members, starting with Laura G., as Chair.

2. Joe is also working to develop a list of possible grants; he will e-mail the list to members.

c) *CMU Mainstage & Get Acquainted Day*

1. Events are 8/21(Mainstage) and 8/24 (Get Acquainted Day). Joe will be attending both and will be distributing HRC materials at both events. Members are encouraged to attend and support him and assist the community in getting to know the HRC.
2. Discussion was had regarding promotional items for the events. A motion was made by Elizabeth Husbands and seconded by Mandy Wigren to approach Tom Dolehanty regarding providing funds for the HRC to purchase promotional items such as pens that can be distributed at events. EH will contact LithoPrep regarding a quote on items. Items should state:

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d) *Rack Cards & Banner*

1. Have been ordered and are expected to be here in time for the events this month.

e) *MI Round Table*

1. LT meeting this month. Youth group working on a mural and Diversity Block Party on August 26th. EH has been working with Lee Ruffino to gather donations from community merchants for door prizes to be raffled to attendee the evening of the event.

f) *Isabella Co Committee on Hate Crimes*

1. No update

g) *HRC Memberships:*

1. Elizabeth Husbands is currently listed as the Tribal Representative and has been since she joined the committee. However she is not and never has been a “tribal rep”, and since she is no longer employed by the Tribe she is concerned about how this appears to others. She is requesting support from the membership to request a change in her appointment.
2. Kira Gray’s position—discussion with members present regarding Kira’s ongoing absence and lack of participation on the committee. Laura Gonzales called Kira Gray and left a message for her today requesting her to contact Laura. Laura also spoke with Christy Cotter and suggested that Laura contact David Ling to discuss having Kira removed from the HRC. A motion was made by Maureen Eke and seconded by Susan Poindexter to request the County Commissioners to remove Kira Gray from the HRC and fill her position with another citizen. The motion was unanimously carried by members present.

h) *Human Rights Conference at CMU*

1. The conference will be November 10 to 13. HRC will sponsor the event and assist in providing advertising and publicity for the event. Members will attend and assist Maureen Eke by providing volunteer hours as needed.

7. New Business:

- a. SCIT (Saginaw Chippewa Tribe) Fall Two-percent Grant Requests
 1. Discussion was held regarding the resubmission for a grant request during the fall grant cycle. A motion was made by Maureen Eke and seconded by Bob Newby to submit a grant request. The motion was unanimously carried by members present. Maureen Eke has graciously volunteered to work on the grant request and prepare it for submission by the deadline.

Announcements:

- a. MPADG Social - Bob Newby
The group will host a community social on 8/11 at Island Park at the Veterans' Pavilion. The event is open to all. The MPADG will provide hot dogs and burgers, attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to pass.
- b. African Sister's Organization - Maureen Eke
The group is hosting an African Fest at Island Park on 8/27 from 3 to 7. The event is open to all of the community.
- c. Anti-discrimination Ordinance - Laura Gonzales
Norma Bailey would like to have someone attend the September HRC meeting and speak to the group about the ordinance. The HRC members agreed to Norma's request and Laura will schedule the speaker for the September 12 meeting.

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM in a motion by Bob Newby, seconded by Susan Poindexter and unanimously carried by all members present.

Submitted by Elizabeth Husbands, Human Rights Committee Secretary