

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Amy Shawboose —Excused

1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members

The meeting was called to order by Laura Gonzales, Committee Chair at 5:15 PM. Committee members were welcomed by her.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jeannie Jackson and seconded by Shirley Decker to accept the agenda as presented was unanimously supported by the committee members.

3. Public Comments:

No public comments were presented at tonight's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 7, 2012 Meeting:

A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Shirley Decker and seconded by Jeannie Jackson. The motion was unanimously supported by the committee members.

5. Old Business:

a. Letter to request Law Enforcement Data Collection: Bob Newby

1. Considering inviting the Sheriff to attend the July meeting to present him with the letter. Discussion pertaining to the rationale around the reason to request the data collection and how this relates to the mission/goals of the HRC. The group supports the idea of requesting the data. A motion to support the submission of the letter was made by Sue Poindexter and seconded by Jeannie Jackson. The motion was unanimously carried by members present.

b. MI Alliance Against Hate Crimes: Laura Gonzales

1. Jeannie Jackson and Elizabeth Husbands will attend the meetings as they are able to, as their schedules permit.
2. "Save the Date" postcard for the Annual Conference is out. It will be held on September 14, 2012, in East Lansing.

c. 2% Grant Funding: Laura Gonzales

1. The grant to complete the study of Micro-Aggression has been approved for the total amount requested \$21,000.00.

2. A small organizing sub-group will be developed to begin the work on the grant (Laura Gonzales, David Ling, Bob Newby, and Amy Shawboose) to organize the project so that it can begin to move forward. Laura and David will meet with Tim to establish the process for accessing the funds. As the project begins to move forward other HRC members who wish to become involved can do so.

d. *Letter to the Editor: Laura Gonzales*

1. The letter regarding the Sacred Heart incident was submitted to the Morning Sun and was published.
2. No one is aware of any responses to the letter.

e. *Increasing HRC visibility & presence within the Community: Laura Gonzales*

1. HRC Facebook page & website
 - i. We need a volunteer to take the lead in keeping the Facebook page updated and keep information on the page current. Bob Newby will bring his camera to the July meeting to take pictures of Committee members to upload to the FB page.
 - ii. The Website also needs to be updated. Laura Gonzales will check it out and update as needed.
2. Summerfest Mandy Wigren June 7-10, Display table; free to have a display booth/table
3. Chamber of Commerce Elizabeth Husbands Rack cards included with their materials?
4. Waterpark Giveaway Laura Gonzales Paperwork needs to be completed & submitted
5. County Fair Tabled We will reconsider this event for next year
6. Health Fair Raquel Fruh Oct 30th, Display table w/ info; Theme is Once Upon a Time; at Saginaw Chippewa Tribe

f. *Grad Student/HRC Intern Update: Laura Gonzales*

1. The update meeting with Tim Dolehanty was cancelled today due to a family emergency. Laura will reschedule another meeting.

g. *Mt. Pleasant/MI Roundtable: Elizabeth Husbands*

1. The April Community Forum was cancelled; it has been rescheduled for September 27th at the Zibiwing Center. This meeting's focus will be on gaining community feedback on the Strategic Plan. Guests are welcomed and encouraged. Refreshments will be served.
2. Bob Newby presented the letter regarding the collection of data by the local law enforcement agencies and requested support from the HRC as the Law Enforcement sub-group moves forward with this task. He will forward the Kent Co report to HRC members before next meeting.
3. The new Community Organizer Amylynn Gross has begun working on an interim basis. She will be invited to the next HRC meeting so that members can meet her. She can be reached via email at acgross@hotmail.com.

h. *Showcase: Laura Gonzales*

1. Mandy Wigren and Elizabeth Husbands will be responsible for setting the showcase up and keeping it updated. Funds may available to help pay for the decorations, we will have to check with Christy.
2. Mt. Pleasant City Council meeting will be on June 11 and the presence of the community is requested. This is a public hearing about the proposed Non-Discrimination Ordinance for the

city. The Commissioners may vote on the Ordinance at this meeting depending on the comments received at the hearing. Norma Bailey or Charley Farnum will keep the interested public abreast of developments.

6. New Business:

a. *HRC Meetings:- Laura Gonzales*

- i. Meeting will begin on time at 5:00pm and end at 7:00pm. Please plan your scheduled accordingly.
- ii. Please keep phone calls and texting to work-related activities.
- iii. Group members need to be willing to devote time to activities outside of the monthly meeting in order to meet the goals of the Human Rights Committee.

b. *Designated Representatives: Laura Gonzales*

- i. Please make a concerted effort to bring announcements related to events happening at each institution to the group.

c. *List of Rack Card locations: Laura Gonzales*

- i. Laura is requesting that HRC members compile a list of locations where the cards are currently located.

7. Announcements:

None

8. Adjournment:

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm by a motion by Bob Newby and seconded by Mandy Wigren. The motion was unanimously carried by all members present.

Submitted by Elizabeth Husbands, Secretary
July 31, 2012