

Isabella Co Human Rights Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: October 5, 2015

Called to order: 5:25pm

Members Present

Shirley Decker
Robert Newby
Amy Shawboose
Maureen Eke, Chair
Laura Gonzales
Kevin Daum
Anne Swift
Wendy Hovey
Elizabeth Husbands, Secretary

Patrick Lawton, Grad. Intern

Excused Absentees

Sue Poindexter, Vice-Chair
David Ling, County Commissioner

1. Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Eke.

2. Approval of Agenda

Shirley Decker made a motion to approve the agenda as presented and Amy Shawboose seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. General Public Comment

No comments, however two advocates for Human Rights attended the meeting and introduced themselves. One was Jessica Axe from Students Against Slavery, an anti-slavery and human trafficking organization on campus and the other was Lauren (no last name given) who hails from Ann Arbor and works in the Women's Health Field.

4. Approval of September 2015 Meeting Minutes

Kevin Daum made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Amy Shawboose seconds. The motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously by committee members present.

5. Reports:

a. Chair's Report

HRC Business cards, letterhead & tee-shirts: Approval was given to order 2500 business cards, HRC letterhead and envelopes and to get quotes from LithoPrep staff on costs of tee shirts/ polo shirts, (for Committee members), tee-shirts (for give-away-items), letter-openers, pencils, or other promotional items recommended by LithoPrep staff to meet our needs. Graduate Intern Patrick Lawton, Elizabeth Husbands, and Wendy Hovey will research bulk logo-bearing items and work out a deal with Tim, the LithoPrep representative.

b. Graduate Intern

Patrick Lawton will resume working on the HRC newsletter. If you have any ideas about making the newsletter more accessible to the public and increasing community awareness, contact lawto1pm@cmich.edu. He will also be researching grant funding options for us. If you have ideas, thoughts, or potential leads please pass them on to him.

c. Micro-aggression Study Training Video

Erica has a version of the micro-aggression training video ready to look at. Permission could not be obtained for at least one of the people in the video, so there will have to be some editing done. Erica is confident that she can make this happen without compromising important elements of the video.

There was a discussion about informed consent during the training sessions. Dr. Eke suggested that without some sort of signed agreement, a sensitive person may feel harmed by the material presented and wish to seek financial restitution. Laura is working with the county to prepare a hold-harmless document that will prepare participants for what they are about to take part of and protect the Committee from an untenable position.

6. Sub-Committee Updates:

a. *Community Education Committee (Laura Gonzales/David Ling)*

All of the presenters have signed up for their assignments and another meeting is being scheduled.

- *Micro-Aggression Study Budget:* The budget for the study is at \$7,713.20 as of October 5th.

b. *Disability (Anne Swift)*

No new business. A meeting is being scheduled.

c. *Law Enforcement (Bob Newby)*

Bob Newby is still trying to communicate with Darryl Stinson to work with Men about Change. He is considering approaching other members of the organization.

7. New Business:

- Bob Newby has drafted a letter to the Editor of the *Morning Sun* regarding confederate flag. After some editing, he plans to send the letter in to be published in an issue of the paper.
- The Human Rights conference at CMU is happening October 30th and 31st at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort. David Ling, Kevin Daum, Wendy Hovey, Sue Poindexter, Laura Gonzales, Elizabeth Husbands, and Patrick Lawton have been registered to attend the conference.

8. Announcements

- Tuesday October 20th 7pm in Veterans Mem. Library Annex: Black Lives Matter Forum
- Tuesday October 13th Plachta Auditorium: Jasmine Rand, Attorney of Trayvon Martin's family will be speaking.
- Friday October 16th 5pm Comfort Inn: Women's Aid Service "Chocolate Fantasy" Fundraiser

- Friday October 16th 2pm Park Library Auditorium: Global Ethics Day 100th year anniversary of the WWI peaceful mediation movement.
- Amy Shawboose asked if anyone could assist with our Dicken's Christmas presence, Patrick Lawton will help out.
- Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow recently sponsored an anti-slavery act in Washington D.C.

9. Adjournment

Amy Shawboose made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Laura Gonzalez seconded at 6:40 pm.