

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 10, 2005

7:30 PM

MOORHEAD CITY HALL

FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Alicia Rodriguez, Tammie Yak, Phyllis Emmel, Johnathan Judd, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett, Del Rae Williams, Jim Danielson

Members Absent: Jeremiah Nelson, Kevin Kopperud, Pat Conteh

Others Present: Lois Brown and her 8th Grade Students

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by chair, Johnathan Judd.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Judd approved agenda with the addition of a human rights letter on the right to housing.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Judd approved the April 14, 2005 minutes with the date change of the League of Minnesota Human Rights Annual Conference to Saturday, September 24th, 2005.

ANNUAL REPORT UPDATE: The Annual Report was approved on May 2nd, 2005. Two areas of discussion by Diane Wray Williams included Training of the Trainers and completion of race and ethnicity reports and to encourage more faculty diversity in area institutions. Wangler will send a letter to Williams in response to status of these issues. Training of the Trainers is no longer active and Cultural Diversity Resources (CDR) have agreed with Otto Bremer Foundation to rescind the last three years of the human rights grant and has returned unexpended funds. CDR has also agreed to donate human rights literature and materials to the Moorhead Pubic Schools. Yak reported that Human Rights funding is still available if Moorhead School District were to apply for it. Commission felt a letter be sent to members who completed the Training of the Trainers program to determine current interest. In regards to race and ethnicity reports and increasing faculty diversity the commission had reported that Training Our Campuses Against Racism (TOCAR) has recently completed a anti racism survey. Wangler will contact Kate Olson or Amy Phillips.

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS RULES AND PRACTICES: Wangler reported that changes are to be made to the Moorhead Human Rights Ordinance to adapt to the commissions Rules of Practice and Procedure before presenting to city council.

LEAGUE OF MN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BOARD REPORT: Judd reported that he is resigning from the League board due to personal issues. If interested in serving on the League of MN Human Rights Commission Board the elections will be held at the September 24th meeting. *Action taken:* Emmel motioned approval to have Wangler submit a budget of funds needed to have a MHRC representative serve on the League of MN Human Rights Commission Board and to attend board meetings, Yak seconded. Danielson abstained.

JOINT MEETING WITH FARGO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: *Action taken:* Dr. Alder motioned and Yak seconded to have the Joint meeting with Fargo Human Relation Commission on June 8th or 22nd, 2005. Danielson requested that discussion on a Fargo-Moorhead metro-wide commission be added to the agenda.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY: *Action taken:* Judd motioned approval to proceed with Human Rights Day writing/art project with Moorhead Schools and to amend motion to proceed with Human Rights Day Expo celebration on December 10th at Moorhead Center Mall and inviting partners, Danielson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Williams will contact Lynne Kovash, Moorhead Public Schools, in regards to youth Human Rights Writing/Art Project.

OTHER BUSINESS: *Action taken:* Adler approved motion for Yak to email changes from both “Right to Housing” articles to the MHRC members for approval with consensus and to vote through email, Arett seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Horizon Middle School 8th grade students gave a presentation on “Homelessness in the F-M area.” The Commissioners recommended students give presentation at the May 16th meeting Council meeting, Wangler will arrange.

The next MHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12th and at 7:00 pm in the Moorhead City Hall First Floor South Conference Room.

Judd read a letter of resignation from Jeremiah Nelson from the Moorhead Human Rights Commission.

Meeting was adjourned by Judd.