

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2006
7:00 PM
MOORHEAD CITY HALL
FIRST FLOOR SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE:

Current Members Present: Phyllis Emmel, Dr. Richard Adler, Brian Arett, Dorene Neeland, Erin Clark, Tammie Yak, Steve Grineski, Greg Lemke,

Members Absent: Verna Paul, Del Rae Williams, Charles Larson, Kevin Kopperud

Others Present: Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Dr. Adler called the meeting to order.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Yak motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Lemke. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Lemke motioned to approve the May 9, 2006 minutes, Emmel seconded. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: No citizens to be heard.

BUDGET: Dr. Adler met with Mayor Mark Voxland, Bruce Messelt, City Manager, and Scott Hutchins, Community Development Director to discuss the Human Rights Commission 2007 budget. The final budget will be approved in September 2007. Other topics discussed included reviewing the MHRC ordinance, travel and training, grant writing, Human Rights Community Education, a Human Rights Library, review of the human rights grievance policy, and developing an orientation packet for new members.

REVIEW OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES: Dr. Adler will meet with Messelt to discuss the MHRC ordinance and members of the commission are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

REPORT CARD INITIATIVE JOINT COMMITTEE: Amy Phillips, MSUM, is coordinating the meeting and a date has not been set.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Yak will be setting up a meeting with the HRC Education Committee members. Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, Director of University of Minnesota Human Rights Resource Center has support from the U of M to teach the Human Rights "This is My Home" curriculum. It is currently being reviewed by the Moorhead High School Human Rights committee and is also at the curriculum committee level.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: A Human Rights Education Booth was set up as part of the Family Fiesta Day. The committee has not met.

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION: An educational activity will be presented at next months meeting.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EVENTS – HUMAN AWARDS, HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND BUILDING UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY: The League of Minnesota Human Rights

Commission Director meeting will be Sunday, June 25th from 12:00 – 3:00 pm at the Dilworth Depot. Phyllis Emmel is coordinating and members of the MHRC are invited to attend. The MHRC is will provide the meal.

Lemke suggested putting a calendar of events together for the MHRC to participate in.

It was decided to have Wangler look into nametags for the MHRC members by consensus vote.

Action taken: Arett motion to have Yak ask for donations for the Human Right quilt activity as part of the Moorhead RiverArts International Fair on August 22nd, seconded by Neeland. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

Greg Lemke, Tammie Yak and Dorene Neeland will serve on the Human Rights Awards Committee.

Erin Clark, Brian Arett, and Phyllis Emmel will serve on the Human Rights Day Committee.

The MHRC will hold its August meeting at Gooseberry Park with a potluck at 5:30 and meeting at 7:00 pm. Wangler will reserve shelter.

OTHER BUISNESS:

The League of MN Human Rights Commissions Annual meeting is September 30th at Hamline University.

Dr. Adler will meet with John Marks of Trollwood Performing Arts School to discuss vision of a Human Rights Center.

Adler adjourned the meeting.