

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
JULY 11, 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, Greg Lemke

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

Others Present: Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff
Saqib Sheikh, City of Moorhead volunteer
Enson Maattala, Moorhead citizen

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Emmel made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Lemke, with the addition of the Candidate Identification Committee added by Adler and the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions Report added by Phyllis Emmel.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Arett made a motion to approve the July 11th, 2006 minutes, second by Yak with the addition to the agenda amendments to include, “Yak *made a motion to approve* the agenda.” Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Maattala brought several diversity issues to the MHRC’s attention. He questioned whether the percentage of minority and international students in MSUM and Concordia has risen since 1970. Maattala asked if the MHRC had contact numbers with the Sheriff’s Department Supervisor and Moorhead Police Department Superiors if a hate crime occurs. He also reported meeting with Yok Sim Gunaratne, Cultural Diversity Resources regarding a televised ethnic slur that may have occurred on a local news station in 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Requests have been sent out for Ben Franklin to donate quilt supplies for the Moorhead Human Rights Commission booth at the Moorhead RiverArts event.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee would like to see the Moorhead Human Rights Commission involved in the Power Bowl Parade. Wangler will submit the parade application.

REPORT CARD INITIATIVE JOINT COMMITTEE: The committee members will meet at Atomic Coffee Shop at 5:00 pm on July 25th.

HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION:

Yak reviewed educational books and reading material relating to issues of human rights and diversity. She discussed the possibility for several of the publications to be used in future events.

Clark did a Human Rights activity with the Moorhead Human Rights Commission following the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EVENTS – HUMAN AWARDS, HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AND BUILDING UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY: No updates.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Steve Grineski has resigned from the Moorhead Human Rights Commission. The Outreach Committee will oversee the recruitment of new members.

Emmel gave feedback regarding the League of Human Rights Commissions. Their annual meeting will be on September 30th. She discussed “10 Reason the MHRC should be involved in the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions”. Adler suggested that she put collected information regarding the League in a binder to be accessible to all commission members. She also indicated interest in applying to be director of the league.

The next meeting is scheduled as a potluck picnic in Gooseberry Park at 5:30 pm on August 16th with the Moorhead Human Rights meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

Adler adjourned the meeting.