

MOORHEAD HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 9, 2005
7:00 PM
MOORHEAD CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE:

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

Members Absent: Kevin Kopperud, Tammie Yak, Dr. Jim Danielson

Others Present:

Verna Paul, future member of the Commission

Dorene Neeland, future member of the Commission

Kim Wangler, City of Moorhead staff

John Arnold, City of Moorhead volunteer

Enson Maattala, Moorhead citizen

Students of Mrs. Bentz Senior Government Class

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Action taken:* Dr. Adler motioned to amend the agenda to include the voting for an Interim Chair and Vice Chair until the Annual Meeting in February, Rodriguez seconded. Motion is carried by unanimous vote.

MEETING MINUTES: *Action taken:* Arett motioned to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2005 meeting, Williams seconded. Motioned is carried by unanimous vote.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Maattala informed the commission that he requested information from the Assistant Superintendent of Schools on what the percentage of non-math and science textbooks are written or edited by Blacks or Latinos. He has not received a response.

CANDIDATE IDENTIFICATION MEETING UPDATE: Wangler reported that the Candidate Identification Committee met October 25th and selected new Moorhead Human Rights Commission members Verna Paul, Dorene Neeland, and Steve Grineski, as well as Erin Clark and Charles Larson to be youth co-members with one vote. Alicia Rodriguez's 2nd term will end in January. Members are encouraged to assist in recruitment.

BUILDING UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY & MHRC AWARDS CEREMONY

UPDATE: Wangler reported to the commission that the Building Unity In Our Community event will include the Moorhead Human Rights Award ceremony. The keynote speaker at this event will be Tom Peacock, a Native American who is both an educator and an author of children's books. The event will be held on MSUM campus in

the CMU Ballroom on Sunday, January 15, 2005 at 7:00 pm. The Moorhead Human Rights Commission booth will be set up.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY EXPO UPDATE: Wangler reported that the event will include several organizational booths, cultural entertainment and ethnic food vendors. Entertainers will include an education component prior to their performance. Brian Arett and Mary Davies will moderate the “Poverty and Human Rights” panel discussion.

MN LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT AND ND HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT: Emmel reported to the commission that she attended the Minnesota League of Human Rights Commissions (MnLHRC) meeting and the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition Conference and has gathered several educational resource ideas for future use. Dr. Adler requested that when Emmel attends her next MnLHRC meeting she inquire as to what action that commission is taking in the state.

MHRC STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT UPDATE: Wangler reported to the commission that Tammie Yak has talked to Chelle Lyons Hanson about facilitating a strategic planning retreat for the HRC. Hanson agreed, and Yak is currently writing a grant for \$2,500 to cover costs.

VOTING FOR INTERIM CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR: Williams suggested that previous chairs should chair the December and January meetings to cover the remainder of Judd’s term. Action taken: Rodriguez agreed to chair the December meeting; Arett agreed to chair the January meeting. The Commission agreed by consensus.

OTHER BUSINESS: Arett formally thanked Johnathan Judd for his service and inspiration on the HRC and expressed hope that he would return in the future.

Wangler reported that the MnLHRC Open Forum to be hosted in Moorhead is still in the planning stages.

Meeting was adjourned by Judd.