

Human Relations Commission
CMO Conference Room
519 Washington
Minutes
May 30, 2019

Meeting called to order by Werksma at 6:00 pm.

Present: Denny Swartout, Wes McGee, Chloe Weigel, Louann Werksma, Christian Hudson, Rhonda Kleyn and Alyson Brummitt.

Absent: Reyna Masko and Barbara VanHorsen

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with the addition of correspondence sent and received; motion by Hudson, seconded by McGee, all in favor.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved motion by Swartout, seconded by Weigel, all in favor.

Welcome Guests: Alexa Redick

There was no business under the general call to the audience.

The group had a celebration of the HRC 2 exiting student members, Chloe Weigel and Christian Hudson.

Old Business

- a. Dinner and Dialogue Update-The new sub-committee met, the notes from that meeting are attached. North Ottawa Community Hospital sent a \$500 sponsorship for the second year. Werksma to write a thank you for Reyna to send.
- b. Leadership transition and training-Werksma stated that in the absence of a volunteer stepping up to take over the chairperson she will stay as chair until July 1, 2020.
- c. LEDA summit-June 11, 2019 at Hope College. Attending from the committee are Werksma, Redick, Masko, McGee and Weigel. The HRC is allowed 2 free enrollments because of the event sponsorship, McGee and Weigel will use those.
- d. Social Justice Award-Tabled to June meeting when Masko is also present to report.
- e. Hispanic Heritage Festival-September 21, 2019 in Grand Haven's Central Park. It was reported the efforts to recruit volunteers is going well as is the effort to obtain event sponsors. Any extra sponsor funds at the end of the event will go to the Migrant Resource Council of Ottawa County.
- f. Loutit Library Partnership-Werksma reported that she and McGee met with John Martin of the Loutit Library. John is open and excited to offer space in the library for monthly celebrations such as black history month.

New Business

- a. HRC Appointments-Alexa Redick will be appointed to the HRC on June 3, 2019. Wes McGee and Reyna Masko will be reappointed on the same date. There is no word yet regarding the student applications.
- b. Budget - Kleyn reported the most recent spending and the balance of funds. The most recent activity being the sponsorship check from NOCH.
- c. Agency Updates – Kleyn asked for a volunteer to redo the beach wheelchair signs that the HRC is supposed to distribute by Memorial Day. The current signs are outdated. The group suggested hiring Verduins to create a new flyer. Kleyn to follow up.
- d. Correspondence sent and received-Werksma shared the formal letter of resignation from Lindsay Hartman.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next meeting is Thursday June 27, 2019