

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Minutes

- I. **Roll Call:** Black, Chancellor, Jackle, Provencher, Robinson
Absent: Arredondo, Goldenberg, Inouye, Urashima
City Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt Dierking
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Alan Chancellor, Chair**
Chancellor welcomed everyone to the January meeting. Michael Robinson is a new HBHRTF member and this is his first meeting. Self-introductions followed.
- III. **Public Comments: (Three minutes per speaker)**
There were no speakers.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes – December 2007**
Moved: Jackle; Second: Provencher: To continue approval of Dec. 2007 minutes until Feb. 5, 2008 due to absence of several members needed to approve December minutes. Approved: 5, No: 0, Absent: 4 (Arredondo, Goldenberg, Inouye, Urashima)
- V. **Special Presentations:**
None scheduled.
- VI. **Status Reports**
1. HRTF Account balance & Master Calendar Review
Kuhnke reported that the HBHRTF account balance was \$5,095.28, with \$3,291.28 in the Task Force General Account and \$1,804.00 in the HB Reads Account. Kuhnke noted that the \$3,291.28 included \$500.00 to Valley Vista High School for their recent field trip to the Museum of Tolerance. Provencher also indicated that HB Reads is expecting another \$2,309.00 in pending donations.

Corrections were made to the Task Force master calendar and Kuhnke noted that an updated version would be emailed to members for their information.
 2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Updates, Discussion, Follow-up
Sgt. Dierking reported that the totals for 2007 were eight Hate Crimes, including 4 assaults and 4 vandalisms. He also reported that three of the four assault cases were filed with hate crime allegations by the District Attorney's Office. There were no hate crimes or incidents in December 2007. He updated the Task Force on past cases. He indicated that he would present the final report at the February meeting.
 3. Orange County Human Relations News/Activities
No report.

VII. Program Updates, Activities & Discussion:

1. HB High School Model School Program & Student Programming
Don Han was absent. Kuhnke provided a handout and Chancellor made the presentation. HBHS had a Campus Pride Day in December. An overnight retreat was held at Camp Bear Paw December 14 and 15. They worked on bonding and team building.
2. HRTF Student Activities for December 2007
Chancellor reported that the Education committee met December 19, 2007. They are planning a District dialogue March 11, 2008, with the assistance of Don Han. Chancellor also reported that former member Dekle attended the December student meeting to discuss the possibility of holding a Cultural Festival in conjunction with International Week at the high schools. Consideration is being given to expanding the Festival to the community.

Additionally, Edison High School is doing outreach to Sowers Middle School to dialogue about safe schools. Valley Vista took advantage of a HBHRTF grant and went to the Museum of Tolerance. They will report to the Task Force in February. One \$500 grant remains unassigned.
3. Making Victims Whole Program
No report.
4. Federal Diversity Months- discussion of criteria for recognition
Chancellor reported that he met with Kuhnke and Dekle to discuss possibilities for the 2008 calendar. Since neither of the committee members was present, Chancellor indicated that the recommendations will be reported in February. Arredondo continues to chair the committee.
5. Friends of HRTF Activities
Jackle said she is planning a Friends Dinner on January 31, 2008, in conjunction with HBReads with more information to follow. She provided a flyer for the event. Bravo Avo will host the dinner with a special menu at \$18.00 per person. Members are asked to RSVP.
6. Planning, logistics, budget for 2008 HB Reads Community Event
Provencher provided a hand-out showing the progress of HBReads. The program will kickoff January 24th at the HB Art Center with an evening of food, music, art and video. Invites have been mailed. Urashima is continuing to work on publicity. Jackle is planning discussion groups at the Barnes and Noble and the HB Library. Chancellor and Provencher are soliciting funds. Greg Mortenson will be here February 21, 2008. Chancellor is coordinating his visit with HBHS where he will appear at the gym.

VIII. New Business:

None

IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized

None