

**Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force**  
*February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes*

- I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm**  
Present: Garrick, Tyler, Dahman, Lee-Goodman, Malik, Lowell-Montfort, McKinnon, MacDonell  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
Police Liaison: Sgt. Garrido
- II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair MacDonell**  
Chair MacDonell welcomed all present. She also talked about the Challenging Islamophobia panel that was held at Golden West College. She, Tyler, Garrick and McKinnon were all at the presentation. They all felt that it was informative and presented many thought provoking ideas for further discussion. Garrick distributed copies of the event program.
- III. Public Comments:** None
- IV. Special Reports/Presentations:** None.
- V. Approve Minutes:**  
*Motion to approve January 4, 2016 minutes. Moved: Dahman; Seconded: Lee-Goodman  
Yes: 7 No: 0; Abstain: 1 (MacDonell). Motion passed.*
- VI. Status/informational Reports:**
1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:  
Sgt. Garrido reported that there were no hate crimes in January. He gave an update on the October 2015 hate crime perpetrated on a transgender individual. On Jan.7, 2016, the suspect plead guilty to robbery and assault with a chemical weapon and was sentenced to 7 years in the state penitentiary.
  2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:  
Tyler reported that there was no special presentation at the January meeting. Many of the clubs brought their presidents, who gave brief messages to the Council.
  3. OC Human Relations News/ Activities  
Malik reported that OC Human Relations followed up on the San Bernadino terrorist attack by visiting mosques and temples and speaking to various individuals at these sites, hoping to promote better understanding with the Muslim community. Some members expressed interest in visiting mosques and Malik agreed to inform us know when open mosque days are occurring in Orange County for those interested.
  4. HRTF Donation Account Balance:  
Kuhnke reported the balance at \$1,814.12.
- VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:**
1. HRTF Student Representative Program  
Dahman reported that there was no meeting in January because of finals. She also reported that Debra Reisdorph's organization (BARE) is assisting Dahman and has reached out to a video company who agreed to donate a video booth to the schools so that videos can be made in March, then shown at lunch time at the various schools.
- VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:**
1. MacDonell appointed an ad hoc committee (Tyler, Chair, Malik and Lowell-Monfort) to determine a proposed slate of officers to present to the next meeting. Kuhnke explained the nomination procedure

per the by-laws and also the duties of the officers. In summary, the Chair's duties include presiding over the meetings, preparing the agenda, and serving as the spokesperson for the HRTF. The Vice Chair presides over the meetings in the absence of the Chair and the Secretary prepares minutes for all meetings. Per the by-laws, officers are also required to attend all meetings. Kuhnke also explained officer terms are one-year appointments and that no officer may serve more than three terms. For 2016, both MacDonell and Dahman are eligible for reappointment, but Tyler is not eligible as she has served three terms as Secretary. The nominating committee will announce the proposed slate at the March meeting.

2. The visioning exercise to determine future goals and plans for the HRTF was continued. MacDonell distributed summary lists based on input from the group's visioning exercise at a prior meeting. Garrick also distributed his detailed comments. From these lists, topics were prioritized and the group came up with the five top action suggestions to expand the HRTF's outreach to the community in support of our mission to promote understanding.

A. Lowell-Montfort will draft criteria and suggestions for getting input on a cookbook that will include recipes from individuals from different ethnicities, races and cultures, as well as the stories of the significance of the recipes to the contributors. She will bring the suggestions next month.

B. In addition to the cookbook, the preparation of a calendar of diversity events to be used as a resource was discussed. Lee-Goodman agreed to take the lead in developing this idea for further consideration by the HRTF.

C. Speakers on diversity and discrimination issues for students/parents at school assemblies, including speakers that have personal experience of being victims of discrimination. Since the assembly calendars are full for this year, HRTF will try to schedule the assemblies for next year. Dahman agreed to take the lead in this program as part of the Student Representative program.

D. Establish a Diversity Leader of the Year or Community Leadership award program that could be awarded on a regular basis. Kuhnke reminded the HRTF that some work had been previously done on this type of program and will bring copies for further discussion. Malik agreed to take the lead in reviewing the program for possible implementation.

E. Coordinating with HB Reads and other existing concerned groups, including building inroads into schools.

As part of the Visioning Exercise, the HRTF also committed to continuing the school library children's book program, as well as the student representative program. Task Force members agreed that further consideration and review of the District-wide Student Day of Dialogue and the Museum of Tolerance trips is needed before continuing these two programs.

#### **IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

Kuhnke reported that the City Council had announced February as African American History Month.

Garrick announced that April 23 is Community Service Day and they are looking for volunteers, both individuals and groups, to participate in the many activities available.

MacDonell mentioned an article on human trafficking from the LA Times.

**Adjournment at 8:50 pm to: March 1, 2016. *Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.***