

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Tuesday, January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Lee-Goodman, Malik, Tyler, MacDonell, Dahman

Absent: Knowles, Johnson

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Sgt. Winks

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments:

Dr. Ralph Bauer presented two suggestions for HRTF to possibly look into. The first is to sponsor a film series geared to high school students to increase their understanding of the need for cultural diversity. Suggested films included "Judgment at Nuremberg" and "The Best Years of our Lives". The second idea is to start a task force in HB to look into the issue of homelessness and how to be more proactive with HB's homeless population. This would involve the Police, City Council and community groups in assessing what can be done. Bauer will be meeting with City Council this week to begin the process. Dagley requested that these items be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

There were no special reports or presentations. Dagley reported that Joe Shaw would attend at a future date to discuss the findings of the Municipal Equality Index and to present potential actions of the HRTF regarding this study.

V. Approve Minutes:

Motion to approve December 3, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved, Garrick; Seconded Dahman

Yes: 7 No: 0; Absent: 2 (Knowles and Johnson). Motion Approved.

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Sgt. Winks had no new hate crimes to report from December. He said that the possible hate crime presented last month is still being reviewed and will probably be deemed an incident rather than a crime. He agreed to bring a summary of 2013 hate crime incidents next month. Police Chief Handy will also attend next month's meeting.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

MacDonell attended the CC monthly meeting. A speaker from the OC Sheriff's Department presented information on preparedness for emergencies.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported a quiet month. Garrick attended the Christmas Wassail on Dec 12th. It was a nice opportunity to talk with other community members about human relations issues. May 8, 2014 is the date for their annual Awards banquet.

4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley continues to pursue funding opportunities. He presented the 2014 calendar of events. This year's program will be kicked off by a panel discussion "Separate but Equal" to be held at the Barnes & Noble, at Bella Terra on Jan. 23 at 7:00 pm. Dagley also noted that HB Reads was selected to receive the "Outstanding Contributions to Education Award" by the OC Department of Education.

5. HRTF Donation Account Balance: Kuhnke reported the balance at \$2,651.87.

VII. Updates, Planning, and Possible Motions pertaining to the following events/programs:

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee: No new report.

2. Report form AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:

The two schools with definite plans to attend are Valley Vista and Westminster High School. Goodman will get the

available dates for the free tickets from MOT and get them to the schools so they can schedule the trips. Neither received the Target grants they had applied for.

3. HRTF Student Representative Programs

No Dec meeting. Next meeting on Jan. 22 at 7:00 at HBHS. A suggestion will be made to the group leaders that they may want to contact Dr. Peggy Price regarding attending the Charter on Compassion Committee meeting. Garrick and Tyler agreed to help steer the group into taking on a focused task rather than multiple ones.

4. Charter on Compassion Committee

There was no Dec meeting. There is a meeting scheduled for Jan. 15.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Follow-up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws

MacDonell reported that she is continuing to track information on bullying incidents in schools. There was also discussion on last month's presentation regarding Bully Prevention in Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports anti-bullying program. At this time, the consensus was to continue to monitor the program and its results.

2. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries

Tyler will be preparing a bibliography for the HB Public Library on books on African Americans, Middle Easterners and Muslims. She will also prepare a list of books to purchase for the HB elementary school libraries.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Dahman will get more information on "The Bully Pulpit" which had been presented at HBHS on Dec. 5 for possible use in other schools.

Lee Goodman will continue to develop HRTF profile on social networks.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: February 4, 2014 , *Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.*