

Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

Minutes

- I. **Roll Call:** 6:55 PM
Present: Chancellor, Dagley, Garrick, Inouye, Nees
Late: Goldenberg, Jackle
Absent: Dekle, Rodriguez
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke absent
HB Police Liaisons: Sgt. Dave Dierking, Sgt. Scott Winks
- II. **Welcoming Remarks by Ken Inouye, Chair:**
Inouye welcomed HRTF members and liaisons to the July meeting
- III. **Public Comments:** None
- IV. **Motion to Approve Minutes:** June 7, 2011
Moved by Goldstein, Seconded by Dagley
Approved 5 (with date correction), No 0, Absent 4 (Dekle, Goldenberg, Jackle, Rodriguez)
- V. **Special Reports/Presentations:** None
- VI. **Status Reports:**
 1. Report of HRTF Donation Account balance
In the absence of Kuhnke, Inouye reported a current balance of \$1,401.64, including a donation of \$25 from Chancellor on June 7.
 2. Report of Hate Crimes/Incidents
Sgt. Dave Dierking introduced himself as the new HB Police Department Liaison to the HRTF and the supervisor handling crimes against persons. He also introduced Sgt. Scott Winks, who reports to him. Two matters were discussed:
 - a. Sgt. Dierking reported on a hate crime on June 18, 2011 in downtown HB in which the victims were two juvenile African-Americans who were confronted as they sold candy, by a juvenile male, 13, with a knife, and an adult pen-wielding male, 25, who has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with hate crime enhancements. The incident involved racial slurs and a comment about "looking for a N----- to kill," although no physical assault occurred.
 - b. Sgt. Dierking gave a full update on the matter involving a Jewish, Black/Native-American in follow-up to discussed at our June 7, 2011 meeting. The alleged victim had the opportunity to tell his complete story to Sgt. Dierking, and he accepted the explanation about why no criminal charges were filed. Also, a representative of other concerned citizens was satisfied with the information she received on this matter. Sgt. Dierking suggested that earlier mediation may have prevented the escalation of this matter.
 3. Report of Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities
Inouye reported that the OC Board of Supervisors approved a one-year contract with about \$300,000 in funding to maintain OCHR services in Orange County, one of the most diverse counties in the U.S.
 4. Report of HB Coordinating Council Activities
Jackle reported that the HB Coordinating Council will not meet until October 3, 2011 at Murdy Community Center. Garrick will host an HBCC board planning meeting on July 13, 2011, for which suggestions for programs or

speakers would be welcome. Jackle suggested a program featuring HB Reads and HRTF-related matters during the January or February HBCC meeting.

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs

Chancellor gave an update on planning for next year's support of high school and middle school human relations programs, including recruiting/coordinating with administrators and faculty advisors this summer, surveying needs, and recruiting student representatives. The survey form for Huntington Beach High School has been approved, and might also be used in other HBUHSD high schools. Plans include student tours of the Chapman University Center for Holocaust Education, sponsoring the "Day of Dialogue" event, and supporting school diversity programs. Also, Inouye suggested the need to recruit future HRTF members willing to serve on the education committee next year.

2. Report on HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that the HB Reads Committee plans to finalize next year's book selection at their meeting on July 7, 2011 selecting from about 10 or 12 nominated books. The two finalist diversity-oriented books are "Glory Land" by Shelton Johnson and a book on autism by Temple Grandin, PhD. Also, last year's featured author, Elva Trevino Hart, will return to Huntington Beach to teach a class of 30 to 35 students on how to write stories of their own lives, for a donation to HB Reads of \$100 each. Ms. Hart also plans to teach a free class to members of the Oak View community in Spanish.

3. Report of HRTF Fundraising Activities:

Dagley reported that Ralph Bauer agreed to provide names of local community leaders for Dagley to contact for permission to include their names on an HRTF fund raising letter to generate funds to better accomplish its missions, including sponsoring events, student visits to the Chapman University Center for Holocaust Education, etc.

4. Report of Federal Diversity Month planning and action item:

Dagley reported progress in planning the "Unity in the Community" event. Dekle and Inouye made a presentation on this event to Council Member Shaw. The extent of City's support for this event has not yet been determined. Garrick suggested that the HRTF and the Greater HB Interfaith Council might wish to cooperate in events of mutual interest.

VIII. New Business and Possible Motions: None

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Inouye announced that past HB Mayor Ralph Bauer will be honored at the HB City Council meeting on August 1st for his contributions to human relations, as the "father of human relations" in HB, and in recognition of his award by the OCHR in May. HRTF members are encouraged to attend. Inouye thanked members for their continuing contributions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm until August 2, 2011 at 6:45 PM at Huntington Beach Central Library, B Room.