

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force
Huntington Beach Central Library Balboa Room— Lower Level
June 2, 2009
Minutes

- I. Roll Call:** Black, Breverman, Chancellor, Provencher, Urashima
Absent: Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye
Late: Jackle
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke
HBPD: Sgt. Aaron Smith
OCHRC: Don Han

II. Welcoming Remarks per Provencher:

a). Mary Urashima's help was noted with appreciation in the absence Provencher at the May 5, 2009 HRTF meeting.

b). Provencher noted that he would send a written "thank you" to the O.C. District Attorney's office for the presentation made at the May meeting regarding the procedures for crimes to be legally classified and tried as "Hate Crimes" through the Special Prosecutors Office.

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Approval of Minutes: May 5, 2009

Moved: Black; Second: Chancellor – To accept May minutes. Approved: 5; No: 0; Absent: 3 (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye); Abstain: 1 (Provencher)

V. Status Reports:

1. HRTF Account Balance per Elaine Kuhnke-

\$6,980.22 – HB Reads

\$2,453.80 – Misc.

\$9,434.02 – Total

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents Report for May, 2009 per Sgt. Smith: None

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

1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs per Chancellor-

Due to the lack of response by high schools approached by Chancellor and Han to implement a Bridges program, current plans call for the program to be extended at Huntington Beach High School for a fourth year pending program funding considerations. Chancellor noted that student representatives held their last meeting on May 26, 2009. Student representatives assisted in the Parent Leadership graduation ceremony held on May 27, 2009 which was well attended by the Mayor and other district officials.

2. Report of OC Human Relations Bridges Program – Han distributed a report detailing the following activities:

a) Eighteen Bridges Task Force members attended a 2-day retreat at Camp Bear Paw, with activities focusing on team building, project planning and human relations.

b) The Bridges' third annual "Campus Pride Day" was held May 16, 2009 at Huntington Beach High School which was attended by over 100 students, included workshops on the human relations issues of poverty and violence.

c) The Parent Leadership group met May 26, with a guest speaker from the O. C. Credit Union giving a financial management workshop for 20 participants.

3. Making Victims Whole Program per Urashima- Defer report to next month due to shortened meeting.

4. Federal Diversity Months per Black- Black noted the announcement of Gay and Lesbian Pride month at the June 1, 2009 City Council meeting.

5. HB Reads per Provencher-

Provencher announced that the HB Reads Committee was recommending the selection of They Poured Fire On Us as the selected book for the 2010 program. A listing of the selection criteria used by the committee, as well as book reviews from both a student and English teacher/Bridges coordinator at Huntington Beach High School was distributed for review.

Provencher also presented the following individuals to serve on the 2010 committee – Debbie Granger (Orange County Department of Education), Mary Urashima, Karen Jackle, Amanda Bloom, Fred Provencher (Task Force), Ann Heck and Mary Lou Hughes (former Task Force members and volunteers), LeRoy Lucian (Friends of the Library Chair), Richard Moore (Library Board), Jeanne Ferrara (Barnes & Noble), and Sheryl Crockery (volunteer).

The following motions were made and approved.

a) *Motion by Urashima Second: Black - To approve the work of the HB Reads committee and support the selection of They Poured Fire On Us. Approved: 6; No: 0; Absent: 3. (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye).*

Urashima reported that one lesson learned from the 2009 program was that the book selection was announced too early, causing lack of interest. To avoid this, a soft announcement would be made to teachers and book groups for planning purposes only.

b) *Motion by Urashima; Second: Black - To approve the expenditures of no more than \$3,900 for purchase of books for the Huntington Beach Union High School District from the HB Reads donation funds. Approve: 6; Absent: 3 (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye).*

c) *Motion by Black; Second: Chancellor - To approve 2010 committee HB Reads Committee as presented; Approve: 6; Absent: 3 (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye).*

VII. New Business per Provencher-

The Mayor did not recommend the transfer of Task Force staffing from Community Services to the Police Department. No action is required.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 PM with an invitation to attend the Centennial Diversity Program being held in the Central Library per Provencher