

Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

Tuesday, June 4, 2013
Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Lee-Goodman, Malik, McDonell, Tyler

Absent: Sowell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Det. Ellis

II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

III. Public Comments: None.

IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Vanessa Lee, Spring View Middle School presented her award winning speech from the OC Human Relations Youth Speak Speech Contest.
2. Student representatives from Marina and Huntington Beach High Schools were recognized by the TF for their participation during the 2012-13 school year with the presentation of certificates. Students also provided commentary regarding their experiences including suggestions for next year.

V. Approve Minutes:

**Motion to approve May 7, 2013 minutes as corrected. Moved, Knowles; Seconded, McDonell
Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Sowell). Motion Approved.**

VI. Status Reports:

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Detective Ellis reported that there were no new hate crimes for the month of May. Det. Ellis also reported that an arrest was made in regards to the hate crime stabbing of a black man in October 2012. Charges include felony assault with the hate crime enhancement.

2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Knowles reported that new officers were installed and that the CC would not be meeting again until October 2013.

3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

Malik reported that the OC 2012 Hate Crime report has been published and will be distributed

3. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley reported that HB Reads is in the process of reading lots of books and is accepting suggestions from the community.

4. HRTF Donation Account Balance:

Kuhnke reported the balance as unchanged at \$1,928.86.

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

1. Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee:

Fundraising efforts are pending until program needs have been further developed. Members include Dagley, Knowles.

2. HRTF Student Representative Programs:

Garrick reported that certificates were distributed to all students at their final meeting May 30, 2013. Garrick also reported that Ocean View High School is eliminating the Bridges program due to lack of student attendance.

3. Report from Ad Hoc Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Trips Committee

The committee reported that the sophomore classes at four high schools were already sending students to the MOT and did not wish to duplicate efforts. After further discussion, the TF consensus was that the target schools should continue to be Valley Vista and Ocean View. Discussion was also had regarding whether the TF should fund 100% of the program costs, including bus transportation and substitute teachers, or only a portion. Lee-Goodman agreed to find out how many tickets would be available next year. Garrick agreed to contact schools to determine their level of interest, budgets, and schedules.

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 attended the Anti-Bullying Conference hosted by the County of Orange Healthcare Agency on May 20, 2013. She also reported that based on her contacts with the Orange County Department of Education that the schools are still collecting their data to send to the State Department of Education, but that they are mandated to report so it will be available in the future.

2. Follow-up regarding possible program to purchase diversity books for school libraries on different ethnicities.

No report due to absence of Sowell.

3. Election of Secretary – Dagley reported that Member Parr resigned due to personal reasons and that the by-laws required that an election be held to fill Parr's position as secretary. Tyler volunteered to serve in the position and a motion was made.

Motion to elect Janice Tyler to fill the position of Secretary due to the resignation of Matthew Parr.

Moved, MacDonell; Seconded, Garrick

Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Sowell). Motion Approved.

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Lee-Goodman reported that she had set up a Twitter account for the HRTF and would provide the password and email accounts to Kuhnke for administrative oversight.

Garrick requested that a thank you letter be sent to Parr for his dedicated service to the TF. Chair Dagley agreed to draft the letter and sent out after review by Kuhnke.

Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: July 2, 2013, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 pm