

## Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force

March 4, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

### I. Roll Call: 6:45 pm

Present: Dagley, Garrick, Knowles, Tyler, Dahman, Johnson, Lee-Goodman

Absent: Malik, MacDonell

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

Police Liaison: Detective Reilly

### II. Welcoming Remarks by Chair Dagley

Chair Dagley welcomed all present.

### III. Public Comments:

1. Students from Marina High School presented information on activities there. Zoe Boomgarden talked about two programs: "International Week" (this week) where different ethnic groups are represented and "What If Week" in April where each day presents a different "what if" for students to experience. Melissa Applebee, along with 13 friends, is starting a teen empowerment group "Be-YOU-tiful" to promote recognition of inner beauty among teen girls. She is looking for sponsors to help fund a conference targeting girls in HB. Sponsorships are \$500, \$300 and \$100. Ron Lowenberg offered a \$500 donation and the program will be included on the next agenda.
2. Ralph Bauer distributed handouts outlining the upcoming workshop on homeless issues in HB to be held on March 13 in the Talbert Room of the library. All interested are invited to attend.

### IV. Special Reports/Presentations:

1. Ron Lowenberg, Dean of the Golden West College Criminal Justice Training Center, and Fran Faraz, Peace Studies Program Director, reported on the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden West College Peace Conference, which will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They will be asking the City of HB to support the conference. The conference will be addressing a number of issues including the empowerment of women and what it looks like to have a city and a college of compassion. City Councilman Joe Shaw agreed to put this on the City Council agenda to, hopefully, get a resolution. In addition to the conference, several courses are offered at GWC on peace and justice issues.
2. Councilman Joe Shaw discussed the findings of the Municipal Equality Index, which ranked HB as the highest city in Orange County in LGBT equality issues. The survey included evaluating the city's discrimination laws, whether a city holds pro-equality legislative efforts and how law enforcement handles and reports crimes against LGBT people. The fact that HB is the only OC city with a Human Relations Task Force was a definite plus. A clear need to work with LGBT seniors has been identified in the city.

### V. Approve Minutes:

***Motion to approve February 4, 2013 minutes as presented. Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Dahman  
Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent 2 (Malik, MacDonell). Motion Approved.***

### VI. Status Reports:

#### 1. Hate Crimes/Incidents:

Detective Reilly reported that there was one hate crime in February which involved graffiti and loitering at Brethren Christian High School.

#### 2. Coordinating Council (CC) News/Activities:

Garrick reported that Bruce Berman, Director of Golden West College Foundation, spoke at the meeting. He will be setting up a tour of the campus to meet the deans and other campus VIPs. The Coordinating Council is sponsoring its first Huntington Beach Volunteer Expo on Sat. April 12. ***Motion for HBTF to sponsor an information table at the Volunteer Expo was presented. Moved, Garrick; Seconded, Johnson. Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Malik, MacDonell). Motion approved.***

#### 3. OC Human Relations News/Activities:

No report.

#### 4. HB Reads 2013 News/Activities:

Dagley reported the movie *Prom Night in Mississippi* was shown at the library on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to limited attendance,

but with a lively discussion following the film. The movie 42 will be shown this Sat at 2:30 in the library. He reminded us about the Meet and Greet with Terence Roberts on March 20 from 4-6 pm. He encouraged attendance, since this is the only fundraiser for HB Reads.

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:  
Dagley reported that Police Chief Handy will donate money to sponsor one of the high school trips to MOT.
2. Report from AD Hoc Museum of Tolerance Trip Committee:  
Lee-Goodman reported that arrangements are being made for Valley Vista High School to attend MOT on April 30<sup>th</sup>, with 25 to 30 students attending. The date for Westminster's attendance has not been determined yet.
3. HRTF Student Representative Programs  
**Motion for up to \$300 be provided by HRTF to purchase lunches for the Day of Dialogue on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Moved: Garrick Seconded: Tyler. Yes (7). No (0) Absent (2) (Malik, MacDonell) Motion approved.**
4. Report from Charter on Compassion Committee  
Garrick reported that HBTv3 producer attended the meeting. #1 need identified in HB is dealing with homeless. They will support the Day of Compassionate Service on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

1. Follow-up research and possible program to identify school response to new anti-bullying laws  
No report.
2. Follow up on program to purchase diversity books for school libraries  
Tyler presented an amended book list to be considered for purchase. The books would be given to Oak View Elementary School as well as each of the elementary schools in the Huntington Beach City School District as follows: Eader, Hawes, Seaclyff, Moffett, Perry, Peterson, and Smith. Johnson has identified a donor for \$300 of the amount needed to purchase the books. The importance of follow up with the libraries to determine how the donated books have been used was discussed. **Motion to release \$650 of HRTF funds to purchase books for this project with a plan to follow up with the libraries. Moved: Tyler. Seconded: Johnson. Yes: 7; No 0; Absent 2; (Malik, MacDonell) Motion approved.** Based on approve motion, Tyler will order the books and make arrangements to distribute them to the libraries.
3. Follow up discussion and consideration of possible film programs for students  
Garrick agreed to present the idea to the students for a film program. Johnson will provide a list of possible documentaries to Garrick for the students to consider.
4. Discussion of GW Peace Conference and Possible participation by the HRTF  
**Motion to represent the task force and the City at the GWC Peace Conference on April 18th. Moved: Garrick, Seconded: Knowles. Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 2; (Malik, MacDonell) Motion approved.**
5. Report of Nominating Committee & Election of Chair, Vice chair and Secretary  
Johnson reported that current officers had agreed to be nominated to remain in their respective posts: Dagley as chair, Garrick as vice chair and Tyler as secretary. **Motion to confirm slate of officers as presented. Moved: Johnson Seconded: Knowles Yes: 7; No: 0; Absent: 2 (Malik, MacDonell). Motion approved.**

## IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Kuhnke reported that the City Council proclaimed March as Women's History month.  
Johnson stated her concern about the increased drug use by teens in the city.  
Dagley talked about positive work being done by students in HB.

**Adjournment at 8:45 pm to: April 1, 2014, Huntington Central Library, B Room at 6:45 p.**