

**Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)**

*Tuesday, March 6, 2012*

*Minutes*

**I. Roll Call: 6:45 PM**

Present: Dagley, Knowles, MacDonell, Malik, Nees, Parr, Pogrund  
Late: Garrick (arrived 6:54 pm)  
Absent: Hoff  
Staff Liaison: Kuhnke  
HB Police Liaison: Detective Allard

**II. Welcoming Remarks by Interim Chair Dagley:** Dagley welcomed HRTF members.

**III. Public Comments:** None

**IV. Special Reports/Presentations:** None

**V. Motion: To approve February 7, 2012 minutes**  
**Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Pogrund**  
**Approved: 8, No 0, Absent 1 (Hoff)**

**VI. Status Reports:**

1. Report of HRTF Donation Account Balance

Kuhnke reported an account balance of \$2,126.64

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents - Detective Allard reported.

Jan. 21, 2012 - Follow-up regarding anti-homosexual phone message - no suspect identified

Feb. 10, 2012 - Victim is an HB Police Department officer who was threatened and called a "nigger" several times by suspect as the Officer was arresting suspect.

Feb. 10-11, 2012 - House was egged and toilet papered, which included a swastika made from toilet paper. Racial epithets were also spray painted on driveway. No suspects were identified.

Dagley asked Det. Allard to provide his opinion on whether an ordinance regarding bullying would be helpful. Det. Allard suggested bullying awareness programs and parent education would be more beneficial than approving an ordinance.

3. Coordinating Council (CC) Activities

Knowles reported that the topic of discussion at the March CC meeting was the Shipley Nature Center. He also reported that 2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Girl Scouts which has emphasized and dedicated itself to diversity since its inception. Garrick provided a copy of the Coordinating Council 2011-12 Directory to Kuhnke for reference purposes.

4. Orange County Human Relations (OCHR) News/Activities

Malik distributed copies of the OCHR 2010 Hate Crime report to each member. Nees asked about the accuracy of the reporting of hate crimes included in the report and Malik acknowledged that the report is most likely skewed since many hate crimes remain unreported. Malik also distributed a listing of the 2012 OCHR Awards winners and indicated she would be attending the event on behalf of Hoag Hospital and the OCHR. Dagley requested that members review the information distributed with the agenda regarding the Awards banquet and suggested that the TF consider a motion to send a representative to the banquet at the April meeting.

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

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick provided a hand-out from the February student representative meeting, delineating the programs underway. Garrick also mentioned that a number of students have volunteered to serve at the HB Reads event and that HB High School held a successful Campus Pride Day which included human relations topics. Garrick reported that the Annual District-Wide Student Dialogue is scheduled for April 4, 2012 with OCHR representative Dan Han agreeing to facilitate the meeting.

## 2. HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that both the afternoon author reception and evening presentation are sold out. The HB Reads committee has developed a wait list for the events and is dealing with the logistics of having a "sold-out" event. Dagley also presented copies of Temple Grandin's book, "Emergence, Labeled Autistic," to each Task Force member

## 3. HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley reported that his fundraising goal is \$2,000.00. No new funds have been received over the past month, but Dagley will continue his efforts.

## 4. Report and Discussion of Ad Hoc "Bullying" Committee Activities

Pogrund reported that he met with the superintendants of HB Union High School District, HB City School District, and Ocean View School District. He has found that each of the districts have good programs, all including comprehensive discipline strategies. He distributed three hand-outs, including "Bullying FAQs" from the California School Boards Association, "Positive Social Behaviors and Anti-Bullying Interventions" from the Ocean View School District, and "Cyber Safety for Children" from the California Coalition on Children's Internet Safety."

McDonell reported meeting with Karen Meyers, Attorney with the O.C. Department of Education. McDonell confirmed with Ms. Meyers that due to the Safe Place to Learn Act (AB 9) and the Interagency School Safety Demonstration Act (AB 1156) that schools are already developing anti-bullying programs. McDonell also reported that because of this recent legislation that schools are required to accept victims of bullying as transfer students. Her recommendations include bullying awareness programs and training teachers.

Parr reported that he is working on compiling statistical information and that parent education is a critical factor in mitigating the problem. Dagley provided his timeline for completion of the preliminary report which would hopefully be within 30 days.

Dagley described the upcoming Victim's Rights Conference sponsored by the California Peace Officers Association which has a "bullying" track and asked that the TF consider approving funds for interested members to attend. Nees suggested that members wishing to attend pay half of the \$150 cost and the TF pay the other half. Knowles moved that \$80 be allocated to pay for conference registration fees, with Nees seconding the motion.

Discussion was had regarding the benefits of the conference and current funds available. Knowles pointed out that the registration cost was actually \$80. A total of three members acknowledged interest in attending. Malik requested a friendly amendment to increase the \$80 limit in the original motion to \$120, which would cover half the registration costs for three members. Knowles accepted this motion and the motion carried.

***Motion: To allocate \$120 for registration to attend the Victims' Rights Conference on March 28, 2012.***

***Moved: Knowles; Seconded: Nees***

***Approved: 8; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Hoff)***

5. Report/Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee to assess/develop recommendations regarding student programs. McDonell reported that she will be meeting with the Assistant Superintendants at HB Union High School District and HB City Schools to determine other opportunities to work with the schools on human relations issues, possibly in the area of teacher training.

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

### 1. Report of Ad Hoc Nominating Committee and Election for TF Officer Positions

Nees reported that the committee recommended that Dagley continue to serve as Chair, Garrick as Vice Chair, and Hoff was willing to serve as Secretary.

***Motion: To appoint approve Dagley to serve as Chair, Garrick to serve as Vice Chair, and Hoff to serve as Secretary.***

***Moved: Pogrund; Seconded: Knowles***

***Approved: 8; No: 0; Absent: 1 (Hoff)***

2. Immediate Past Chair to Address the Task Force

Dagley introduced Past Chair Inouye, thanking him for his 15+ years of service and his willingness to address the TF. Past Chair Inouye distributed a hand-out entitled "HB Human Relations Task Force, A Legacy of Making a Difference in HB" and reviewed the history of the formation of the TF and highlighted its accomplishments, including student programs, recognition of the Federal Diversity Months, cultural festivals, outreaches to the Latino community, development of the Parent Leadership Institute at HB High School, and the HB Reads program.

**IX. Task Force Member Comments:**

McDonell: Highlighted the column in the "Huntington Beach Independent" by Mona Shadia  
Knowles: Wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day  
Garrick: Invited all to attend the next Coordinating Council meeting to hear Wes Bryan, the President of Golden West College

**Adjourned at 8:55 pm to: April 3, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room**