

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Minutes

I. Roll Call: 6:45 PM

Present: Dagley, Hoff, Knowles, MacDonell, Nees, Parr, Garrick, Malik, Pogrund

Absent: None

Late: None

Staff Liaison: Kuhnke

HB Police Liaison: Sgt. Dierking

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

III. Public Comments: None

IV. Special Reports/Presentations: None

V. Motion: *To approve April 3, 2012 minutes*

Moved: Pogrund; Seconded: MacDonell

Approved: 9, No 0, Absent 0

VI. Status Reports:

1. Report of HRTF Donation Account Balance

Kuhnke reported an account balance of \$2,126.64

2. Hate Crimes/Incidents – Sgt. Dierking reported.

There were no reported hate crimes in April. Sgt. Dierking provided the following updates on three prior cases:

January 2012 - A business owner received a phone message that threatened to blow up his store because he is homosexual. No suspect has been identified.

February 2102 - Officer Atkins case – The suspect plead guilty to assaulting a police officer with no hate crime enhancement.

February 2012 - A house was toilet papered, which included a swastika made of toilet paper, plus racial epithets spray painted on the driveway. No suspects have been identified.

3. Coordinating Council (CC) Activities -

Knowles reported that the speaker for the May 7, 2012 meeting will be Randy Pesqueira, Executive Director of the Rodgers Seniors' Center. All are welcome.

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

Malik reported that additional seats were available at the OCHR Awards Banquet on May 10, 2012 at 6pm.

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

1. HRTF Student Representative Programs

Garrick reported that the Annual District-Wide Student Dialogue took place on April 4, 2012 with OCHR representative Don Han facilitating the meeting. Garrick distributed the agenda and pictures. A total of 49 students representing all seven high schools in the high school district were in attendance. MacDonell, Pogrund and Garrick from the HRTF observed. Garrick reported that it was a very successful and inspirational event. Mayor Hansen provided the morning welcome and City Council Member Carchio presented certificates of completion in the afternoon.

Garrick also reported that student education committee met April 24, 2012. An agenda was distributed. Topics the students are working on include how to reduce bullying in their schools and share information between schools.

2. HB Reads Activities

Dagley reported that the committee is in the process of choosing the next book. One book under consideration is *Gloryland* by Shelton Johnson. Dagley estimates that HB Reads will end the year with positive numbers but that final accounting has yet to be completed.

3. HRTF Fundraising Activities

Dagley will ask HB Reads for a \$500 donation for the HRTF.

4. Reports and Discussion of Ad Hoc "Bullying" Committee Activities

Dagley reported that a final draft of the committee's recommendations has been produced. Dagley thanked Parr, Pogrund, MacDonell for the hard work on the report and asked the HRTF for input or suggested changes. Sgt. Dierking suggested adding the third section to C.P.C. 415 which states (3) *Any person who uses offensive words in a public place which are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction* to the final report. Parr asked Garrick for input from the Student Representative Programs for the final report.

Motion: To approve the Ad Hoc Bullying Report subject to adding Sgt. Dierking's suggested change regarding section 415 of the penal code and minor grammatical corrections.

Moved: Nees; Seconded: Knowles

Approved: 9; No: 0

5. Report/Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee to assess/develop recommendations regarding student programs.

Garrick reported that the committee would like to set meetings with the district Vice Principals as well as Student Services Director, Kathleen Lommen, to give reports of past programs and ask how the HRTF might help develop future programs or support student run programs. The committee is also considering the development of a documentary film series that the students can show in various ways including in Saturday schools. Garrick would also like to develop a district wide calendar of human relations activities.

VIII. New Business and Possible motions pertaining to:

None

IX. Task Force Member Comments:

Hoff: Reported that he obtained the 3000 hours required for his Marriage & Family Therapy license.

Garrick: City of HB's National Day of Prayer breakfast will be taking place on May 3, 2012 at St. Simon & Jude Church at 7:30am. HRTF member Garrick will receive the Peacemaker Award at the breakfast.

Adjourned at 8:09 pm to: June 5, 2012, Huntington Central Library, B Room