

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2013

Called to order at 5:01 pm.

Present: Chris Homan, Margie Nelson, Rebecca Domagala, Scott Yeazle, Cruz Mendoza, John Phung, Chris Cherry, Robert Kaner, Cindy Strange

Others present: Bob Grytdahl

Absent: Heather Yun

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve by Scott Yeazle. Seconded by Cindy Strange.

2. Nomination Committee – Volunteers were asked to sign up for the Nomination Committee they are: Margie Nelson, Chris Cherry, Rebecca Domagala

3. Statement of Commitment – Members were presented with a statement of commitment to engage dialogue about what is expected from Commissioners with the understanding we need a quorum and we need committed members to address policy change. We voted on accepting the statement to move forward.

For: Margie Nelson., Rebecca Domagala., Cruz Mendoza, Chris Cherry, Robert Kaner, Cindy Strange;

Opposed: John Phung, Scott Yeazle

4. Unfair Campaign -- They are reconfiguring into five major subcategories:

Education/Employment; Health Care, Criminal Justice, Housing. Discussed that Education should be our long range focus this year to support kids in poverty and keep the broader community engaged because community involvement is necessary to increase graduation rates across the board. There is a need to approach the School Board to address need to make policy change.

Motion was made to add to minutes when we discuss policy change by Robert Kaner.

Seconded by Chris Homan. Passed unanimously. We used Amelia Grace's article, "A Community Opposing Racism" as a point of discussion.

5. New Business

Chris Homan brought up Community Action Duluth and her dialogue with Xavier Bell with Big View: Solutions to End Poverty. She will talk to Xavier Bell about policy platforms. Margie Nelson will speak with CHUM about policy change on poverty. Chris Cherry told us about a program called "Make College Accessible" a collaboration program between Duluth Public Schools and UWS (University of Wisconsin-Superior). There is also a program called PASS- Parents and Students Succeeding through Community Action Duluth which works

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with the parents to find solutions that work. Focus on employing more people of color and work with the families.

6. Community Events

- a. May 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Peace Church, 1111 11th Ave. E., Hillsider Fundraiser. Full Indian Dinner. Silent Auction, Meet and Greet. A peek behind the scenes.
- b. Thursday, May 16th, Lowell School, 2000 Rice Lake Road. Celebrate Asia!! 4:30-7:30 p.m. Cultural Exhibits and Crafts, Cultural Performances, Asian Cuisine. Free and Open to the Public.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Domagala

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