



**Bismarck Human Relations Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2019**

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on April 15, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th St. Chairperson Krista Rausch presided.

**Call to Order**

Chair Rausch called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

**Roll Call**

Committee members present were Shae Helling, Krista Rausch, and S. Hannah Vanorny. Other guests present were Gloria David, Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek.

**HRC Mission**

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

**Motion:** Shae Helling made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

**Diversity University: Spring / Summer Discussion**

**Suffragette Film Screening**

Chair Rausch gave a review of the event provided by committee member Amy Ingersoll-Johnson. Discussion followed.

**Diversity University: Fall / Winter Discussion:**

**Cultural Dinner**

Chair Rausch and member S. Hannah Vanorny will work together to organize the cultural dinner. Guatemalan food will be the theme and Chair Rausch will reach out to her contacts closer to the event.

**Committee Vacancies**

The committee currently has four vacancies. The Mayor is in the process of reviewing three applications that have been submitted.



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Band Night Parade**

The committee received an invitation to participate in the Bismarck-Mandan Band Night Parade on May 10, 2019.

**Motion:** S. Hannah Vanorny made a motion to walk in the parade. Shae Helling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Sister Hannah and Amy Ingersoll-Johnson will walk in the parade, and Sister Hannah will organize the effort. Chairman Rausch will invite Paul Zondo to walk in the parade.

#### **Capital Pride**

The committee received an invitation to participate in Dakota Outright's Capital Pride event on June 15, 2019.

**Motion:** Shae Helling made a motion to host a booth at the Capital Pride event. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

The committee will schedule booth shifts at its May meeting.

### **Other Business**

#### **Humanitarian Award**

Advertisement for the Humanitarian Award nominations was published on April 13, 2019 and will run through May 15, 2019. The award will be given at a June City commission meeting.

#### **Poetry and Essay Contest**

Gloria David is working with the school, parents and Mayor to coordinate a pizza party for the contest winners.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Krista Rausch. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, May 20, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen