



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on September 16, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th Street. Chair 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, Trevor Vannette and S. Hannah Vanorny. Other guests present were Gloria David, Whitney Olsen and Jason Tomanek.

Committee members absent were Darcy Andahl, Brandi Jude and Paul Zondo.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the August 19, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Trevor Vannette made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting as received. Shae Helling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Renaming Human Relations Committee

Inclusion, Diversity and Education are words that committee members felt describe the committee and/or the mission statement. Committee members continued discussion regarding changing the name and mission statement of the committee. Board members are asked to bring words/ideas that describe the committee so discussion can continue at the next meeting.

2019 International Festival

2019 International Festival was held on September 15, 2019. S. Hannah Vanorny attended the festival and was at the committee booth. She reported that the event went well and she was able to distribute many committee brochures.

Upcoming Events



Cultural Dinner – An Evening in Guatemala

Chair Rausch provided an update to the committee. The dinner will take place at Legacy High School in their Black Box Theater on November 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Guatemalan volunteers will direct an in-class session for the Legacy High School culinary students on October 24, 2019 from 10:50 AM - 12:10 PM and October 25, 2019 from 12:10 PM - 1:30 PM. Members were asked to attend the in-class sessions if their schedules allowed. Chair Rausch will meet with the culinary teacher and the Guatemalan volunteers on October 16, 2019. The menu and entertainment will be decided at that meeting. S. Hannah Vanorny will volunteer at the registration table. All members are encouraged to attend. Whitnie Olsen will set up event in EventBrite and design a Facebook graphic for the event.

Motion: Shae Helling made a motion to set the ticket price between \$15.00 and \$40.00. Trevor Vannette seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Human Family

- **Film Festival:** The committee was asked to participate in the Human Family event, North Dakota Human Rights Film Festival, November 1-2, 2019. S. Hannah Vanorny, Shae Helling and Chair Rausch committed to volunteer at the event. Chair Rausch will contact Sean Coffman to confirm one volunteer per shift.

Spring Event

The committee tabled discussion of the spring event for the next meeting.

<http://www.diversitycentral.com/calendar/heritagemonthguide.php>

Committee Vacancies

Will advertise on the website and social media

Other Business

Complaint Form

Shae Helling brought the Complaint Form from the City of Bismarck, Human Relations Committee webpage to the committee for discussion.

Motion: Trevor Vannette made a motion to continue the discussion of removing the Complaint Form from the webpage at a future meeting. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Humanitarian Award

Committee members reviewed the current application and suggested revisions. Whitnie Olsen will make changes to the application and bring it to the October 21, 2019 meeting.

Advertising



Advertise on noon shows for the Cultural Dinner two weeks after ticket sales begin. Chair Rausch will contact the networks for availability.

Motion: Shae Helling made a motion to have the name change and mission completed by the end of January 2020 so that advertising can be started with the new name and mission. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Attendance

Members are required to attend eight out of the twelve meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Rausch. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, October 21, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen