



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on October 21, 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 Darcy Andahl, Shae Helling, Brandi Jude, Krista Rausch, Trevor Vannette, S. Hannah Vanorny and Paul Zondo. Other guests present were 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 September 16, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting as received. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Revising Meeting Date and Time

The committee discussed changing the meeting date and time. Committee members did not present an issue with the date and time. Whitnie Olsen will conduct quorum calls on meeting days.

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. S. Hannah Vanorny will attend the Thursday session and Shae Helling will attend the Friday session. The event is listed on Eventbrite and tickets are \$25.00.

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 three volunteers for the event.



Spring Event

Brandi Jude volunteered to be the lead for the spring event. She would like to plan the event for late February or early March. The event would highlight culture and diversity throughout the City. She will provide additional information as the plans come together.

Renaming the Human Relations Committee

The committee brainstormed words which they felt described the Human Relations Committee and the work that they do. The following words were mentioned: inclusion, equality, diversity, education, unity, outreach, accessibility, welcoming, neighbors, friends and human rights.

The committee also created a draft mission statement: The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to create an atmosphere of inclusion, equality and accessibility through education and outreach to recognize the value of a diverse community.

Meeting Bylaws

The committee discussed creating bylaws outlining various expectations including attendance. Whitnie Olsen will send copies of other committee bylaws for the committee members to review for discussion at the November 18, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

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, November 18, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen