



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2020

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on January 27, 2020, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 4th Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th Street. Chair 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, Manisha Sawhney, Trevor Vannett and S. Hannah Vanorny. Jannelle Combs, Gloria David, Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were present.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Public Comment

Ed Klecker and Bianca Bell observed the meeting and provided public comment in favor of the Humanitarian Award being presented to Dr. Robert Roswick.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the December 16, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting with the following corrections: Correct the spelling of Darcy Andahl. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Renaming the Human Relations Committee/Committee Bylaws

The committee discussed reasons to change their current name, Human Relations Committee to something that they feel would be a better description to their goals.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to not change the name with the understanding that the newly drafted mission statement is approved at the January 28, 2020 Bismarck City Commission meeting. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Review of Promotional Information

Whitnie Olsen provided the committee with three examples of possible advertising material. The committee discussed the documents and had the following ideas:

- Be mindful when using rainbows
- Add the HRC logo to each advertisement
- Use Canva.com to format materials for social media
- Add infographics which could include the mission statement as well as an overview of what the committee is about and wants to accomplish
- Bismarck Magazine – Chair Rausch will inquire about advertising costs



- Staff will provide a list of advertising contracts held by the City at the next meeting

Alternate Meeting Location for February 2020 Meeting

Chair Rausch introduced the idea of moving the February 24, 2020 meeting to Dakota Media Access at 307 North 4th Street. The committee would be able to record public service announcements for radio use during the meeting. Chair Rausch will draft several scripts for the committee members to record at the meeting.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to hold the meeting at the Dakota Media Access at 307 North 4th Street. Manisha Sawhney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Draft Bylaws Review

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to table the bylaws review until the March meeting. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Goals for 2020

The committee discussed setting goals for 2020:

1. Fully Staffed Committee
 - Raising awareness
 - Participate in more activities
2. Student Liaisons
 - Reach out to Bismarck Public School to discuss student liaisons for the committee
 - Minimum age for committee members is 18
 - Reach out to all students as liaisons
 - Reach out to a variety of students
 - Speak to principals and councilors for recommendations
 - Define roles so students know what is expected from them
 - Manisha Sawhney, Brandi Jude, Darcy Andahl and Trevor Vannett are willing to work together to connect with students and invite them to be liaisons to the committee.
 - Manisha Sawhney will spearhead the project and update the committee on progress.
3. Diversity University
 - Host two events in 2020
4. Speaking to Service Clubs/Committees
 - S. Hannah Vanorny volunteered to lead this effort and will speak at six meetings in 2020.
 - Part of message to service clubs will include: How can we help you meet your goals, what can you do to help us meet our goals?"
5. Participate in Community Events
 - Participate in two events that promote the mission of the HRC in 2020

Motion: Trevor Vannett motion to accept the five goals for the committee for 2020. Darcy Andahl second and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.



Humanitarian Award Nomination

Chair Rausch provided information to the committee regarding their approval of the Humanitarian award. Ed Klecker and Bianca Bell observed the meeting and provided public comment in favor of the Humanitarian Award being presented to Dr. Robert Roswick.

Motion: Shae Helling made a motion to accept the Bismarck City Commission’s approval of presenting the Humanitarian Award to Dr. Robert Roswick, order the plaque and for Chair Rausch to schedule a time for the committee to present the award to Dr. Roswick. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the committee member in attendance in favor of the motion.

Diversity University

Spring Event:

Brandi Jude updated the committee on plans for the Diversity University Spring Event. The committee discussed dates for the event, deciding that April 16, 2020 or April 23, 2020 would allow for enough time to finish planning the event. The event will be held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and will consist of four to six roundtable discussions including: Women in sports, women of faith, what it means to be a woman, women in music, and women who lead in their communities. The committee discussed including a group of community leaders. Among that group could be female leaders, including those who hold political positions, those who lead their cultural communities, and those who have inspired great change in their communities. The committee will begin promoting the event four weeks prior to the event. This event will be free to the public however, the committee would like to have attendees register on Eventbrite to ensure they can accommodate the number of guests attending. Whitnie Olsen will inquire about Eventbrite fees and report back to the committee at the February meeting. Brandi Jude will book the site at the North Dakota Heritage Center and provide a list of tasks she will need help with prior to the event at the February meeting.

Brandi Jude left the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Annual Report

S Hannah Vanorny has prepared the 2019 annual report. She will present the report at the February 25th Bismarck City Commission Meeting.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion for S. Hannah Vanorny to present the 2019 annual report to the Bismarck City Commission on February 25, 2020. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the committee members in attendance in favor of the motion.

Upcoming Events

Interfaith Multicultural Potluck

Bismarck Interfaith is hosting an Interfaith Multicultural Potluck on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Hillside Aquatics Complex community room.

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, February 24, 2020 at Dakota Media Access at 307 North 4th Street.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen