



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on March 18, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1st 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.

Introduction of New Member

Chair Rausch introduced newest committee member Paul Zondo.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Shae Helling, Amy Ingersoll-Johnson, Krista Rausch, S. Hannah Vanorny and Paul Zondo. Other guests present were Gloria David, City of Bismarck Liaison and Jason Tomanek, City of Bismarck Assistant City Administrator.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the February 25, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Amy Ingersoll-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 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

Amy Ingersoll-Johnson provided an update. The event will take place on March 30, 2019 with three available show times, 10:30 AM, 1 PM and 3 PM. The North Dakota Women's Suffrage Centennial Committee, North Dakota Heritage Center and the State Historical Society are hosting the event with the Human Relations Committee. Dr. Barb Handy-Marchello will lead discussion after the 10:30 AM screening regarding the correlation between the British Suffrage movement and North Dakota.

Diversity University: Fall / Winter Discussion:

Chair Rausch said that Guatemalan food will be the theme for the 2019 Cultural Dinner. Discussion will be held closer to the event.



Human Rights Poetry/Essay Contest Award:

The Committee members reviewed the scores from the poetry and essay contest.

Motion: Shae Helling made a motion to select *Human Rights: Malala Yousafzau* as the elementary school winner and *Concept of Leadership in Human Rights* was the middle school winner. Paul Zondo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Gloria David notified the committee that the Mayor agreed to an in-class pizza party for the contest winners. She will coordinate the dates with the students, schools and parents. All committee members are encouraged to attend if available. S. Hannah Vanorny suggested that the contest categories be adjusted for the 2020 contest.

Other Business

Community Mural

Amy Ingersoll-Johnson did not have an update to report. As information is gathered she will notify the committee during the other business section of future meetings.

Humanitarian Award

Gloria David reminded the committee that Humanitarian Award would need to be advertised in the near future. She will check the timeline from prior years for a date as when to start. Chair Rausch asked to have the application turned into a fillable form. Gloria David will have Whitnie Olsen create the new form.

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, April 15, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen