



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on May 18, 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 5:24 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Kollie Flomo, Shae Helling, Annette Martel, Krista Rausch, Manisha Sawhney, Trevor Vannett and S. Hannah Vanorny. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were present.

Committee member Brandi Jude was absent.

Introduction of New Members

Chair Rausch introduced the two newest members of the Human Relations Committee Kollie Flomo and Annette Martel.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting. Shae Helling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

There were not any members of the public present with comments.

Other business:

Human Rights Essay Contest

The committee discussed how and when to present the award to the winner of the Human Rights Essay Contest.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to host a pizza party in fall of 2020. Manisha Sawhney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Humanitarian Award Presentation

Chair Rausch provided the committee with an update regarding presenting Dr. Roswick with the Humanitarian Award. Chair Rausch asked the committee how to proceed in presenting the award to Dr. Roswick.



Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to table the conversation regarding presentation of the award until the July meeting. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2020 HRC Goals

- Full Committee
 - Committee fully staffed
- Student Liaisons
 - Committee members will work to engage student liaisons in when school is back in session.
- Diversity University
 - Spring Diversity University event postponed/canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic
 - Fall Diversity University cultural dinner event still anticipated to take place
 - Trevor Vannett offered to help Chair Rausch organize the 2020 cultural dinner
- Speaking to Service Clubs/Committees
 - S. Hannah Vanorny updated the committee on her speaking engagements. To date, she has spoken at three service clubs with positive feedback from their members.
- Participate in Community Events
 - Chair Rausch provided an explanation of the types of events in which the Human Relations Committee typically participates for the new members.

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, June 15, 2020 in the 4th floor Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen