MEETING MINUTES FOR  
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
March 5, 2019

**PRESENT:**  
Albertine Allen  
Steve Garner  
Abagael May  
Joanne Tedesco  
Dennis Carroll  
Diana Gore  
Nancy Moldenhauer  
Marty Corley  
Melody Haynes  
Mary Ellen Quinn

**ABSENT:**  
Tyra Robinson-Walker  
Sharon Wright

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Carl Ridle  
Atty. Larry Arness  
Don Pryzbylinski  
Pat Harris

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Commissioner Garner.

**ROLL CALL:**  
Pat Harris conducted the roll call. Attendance and absences are reflected above. It was noted that a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
Marty Corley motioned to approve the February 2019 minutes as presented. It was second by Nancy Moldenhauer. Motion carried. Vote 10-0.

**FINANCE REPORT:**  
In the absence of the treasurer, there was no report. Nancy Moldenhauer entered a motion to have the financial report sent out with the minutes one week prior to the monthly board meeting contingent upon the treasurer’s approval of the request. It was second by Pastor Carroll. Motion carried. Vote 9-1 (Corley)

**CASE LOAD DECISION REVIEW:**  
Steve Garner presented each case to the board for their review and vote. There were six (6) current cases reviewed with finding recommendations and votes as follows:

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Attorney Arness emphasized to members the importance of following the new procedure. He again reviewed that the probable cause committee report should include members present, date of meeting, discussion summary, findings and an explanation of the finding. He also stated that it is a good practice to keep all notes until the case has been resolved and the time to appeal expires. At that time, they should all be properly destroyed. He commended all for a job well done.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
Carl Ridle and Marty Corley attended the state house as escorts for 32 young men from the Social Status of African-American Males representing Michigan City and Gary chapters. The young men represented both chapters, their communities and families very well. They had the opportunity to meet with State Representative Pat Boy. He thanked Marty for organizing the trip.

Mr. Ridle stated that Black History Month contest winners were presented with their awards on February 27, 2019. All 18 winners were present with their families. Mayor Meer also attended.

He reminded members of the Job Fair with Blue Chip on April 18, 2019, 1:00 pm – 4:00pm. He encouraged members to attend. There will be job prep sessions held on April 10, 2019 at the Michigan City Library from 1:00 – 4:00 and another one held at the LaPorte County Library on April 11, 2019.

Carl Ridle informed members of the 46th Annual Civil Rights and Human Rights conference will be held June 17-20 at the Sheraton in downtown Indianapolis. Topics will include civil rights, diversity and inclusion, law and policy and investigation and training. The theme is “Celebrating Freedom Law Advancing and Fostering Diversity and Inclusion. He encouraged all members to attend and stated that it is a good training opportunity. Larry Arness also encouraged members to attend and stated that expenses for hotel and registration can be covered by HRC funds.

STAFF ATTORNEY’S REPORT:  No Report

SSAAM COMMISSION:  Pastor Carroll reported that Maceo Rainey, Purdue University Northwest spoke at the February SSAAM meeting and introduced their program to address study skills, application completion, A.C.T and A.C.T prep. It does not include the trades. Eligibility is grade 6 through years of age, low income and first generation college students. The program is targeting ten schools including LaPorte, Lake and Stark counties. Abagael May clarified that a percentage is included for students that do not meet eligibility requirements.

He announced that there will be bowling fundraiser held on April 2, 2019, 6:00. He distributed flyers with details.

Pastor Carroll informed members that he is on the executive board for the NAACP as 2nd Vice President. The NAACP will host the 2nd annual “Trailblazer” Freedom Fund banquet on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Blue Chip Casino. The coat is $50 per person and the keynote speaker will be Judge Shaquita Kelly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:  No Report

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:
Albertine Allen informed members that the Minority Health Coalition is still in operation under the new name of Minority Health Partnership. She is looking for two people to assist with data collection to work 4 hours per day 5 days per week. She stated this is a door to door function. The information collected will be entered into a database. The information will be shared with the state.
SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE - Continued:
Mary Ellen Quinn distributed tickets for the annual luncheon to be held on April 26, 2019 at Krueger Memorial Park on Liberty Trail. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. She stated the cost is $25 per person and reminded members that the humanitarian award will be given out at the luncheon as well as the Judy Huber award and the Hawkins-Williams scholarship recipients. Tickets were distributed to members to sell.

NOTE: Albertine Allen no longer present (5:04 p.m.)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Marty Corley presented the committee objectives to members (included as part of the minutes) and gave a brief review of its function. He stated that the scholarships will be given to MCHS and Marquette High School. The Judy Huber scholarship will ask the question “What goals were achieved and what challenges and/or obstacles were overcome as a student and how were you able to serve others in the community?” The Hawkins-Williams scholarship will ask the question “If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be?” A motion to approve these themes was entered by Abagael May and properly second by Nancy Moldenhauer. Motion carried. Vote 9-0. Diana Gore volunteered to prepare the program for the event. Marty stated that he will need three (3) judges to review the applications. It was suggested to include a bio on Judy Huber, Becky Williams and Joe Hawkins in order to provide the applicants background on the individuals. Mary Ellen Quinn agreed to present the bios at the annual luncheon.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Marty Corley informed members that he and Melody Haynes will meet on March 19, 2019 at 3:30 at City Hall to brainstorm ideas for events. He distributed a document that states the objectives of the committee. He asked Carl Ridle to send a meeting notice 48 hours prior to the meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Abagael May informed members that the Inclusion grant projects are in the process of being implemented. The recipients will notify her when dates for the showcases have been determined.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

MLK COMMITTEE: No Report

LAPORTE COUNTY PFLAG: Commissioner Moldenhauer announced that the next meeting will be held on March 28, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Uptown Artist Loft on the 7th floor. She reminded members that meetings are always on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will include a movie on transgender topics and when the topic is determined, it will be posted on social media platforms. She encouraged members to spread the word about the organization.

OLD BUSINESS:
Joanne Tedesco announced that March is disability awareness month. She reviewed previous funding requests for $3300 for training, $100 for student support services recognition and $30 for bus driver recognition. She stated that she would withdraw the request for $3300 and asked to have the remaining items approved by the board. She asked to have the $180 for the dance with me program included in the request. Marty Corley entered the motion to approve $330 to cover expenses for student support services, bus driver recognition and the dance with me program for disability awareness month activities. The motion was properly second by Mary Ellen Quinn. Motion carried. Vote 9-0. Marty Corley reminded members that the approved budget includes a $1000 line item for disability activities.

Commissioner Tedesco informed members that the dance with me program begins on March 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m. The cost of the program is $50 and thanked Nancy Moldenhauer for her fundraising efforts.

NOTE: 5:26 p.m. Marty Corley no longer present

NEW BUSINESS None
PUBLIC COMMENT:
Pastor Carroll announced that he now serves on the LaPorte County Animal Control Board. He attended the first meeting and is looking forward to working with the organization.

Abagael May announced the St. Patrick’s Day Parade hosted by the Main Street Association on March 9, 2019. She also reminded members that United Way’s 211 service is available for tax assistance as well as many other services. She informed members that the Black History Month Exhibit at Mullen school will be extended through March.

ADJOURN:
The meeting concluded at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Carl Ridle, Executive Director