



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

10/18/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice chair Vannett called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Jason Grueneich, Annette Martel, Manisha Sawhney, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee member Kollie Flomo joined the meeting at 5:26 PM.

Committee members Krista Rausch, and Sashay Shettler were absent.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Vice Chair Vannett.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Vannett called for consideration of the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Sargianna Wutzke made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021, meeting as presented. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2. Public Comment

There was no public presence for comment.

3. Introduction Of New Member

New member Sashay Shettler was unable to attend the meeting. An introduction will be at the upcoming November 15, 2021 meeting.

4. 2021 HRC Goals

A. Diversity University

Member Sawhney will be in contact with Kim Hertz with Legacy High School regarding an Indian cuisine presentation for the culinary classes. She will report back to the committee with her progress.

B. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Member Grueneich reported that he would like to have a meeting with City Administration, Bismarck Burleigh Public Health, and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library to discuss ways that the City is already addressing items on the MEI report. He would also like to reach out to the Human Rights Coalition to inquire about reporting for the City.

C. Student Liaisons

Jason Tomanek presented the committee with the first draft of logo drawings received from the Career Academy. The committee discussed the various options and provided feedback for the career academy students. Tomanek will meet with the students to relay the committee's comments.

D. Participate In Community Events

Tomanek informed the committee about an opportunity to host a booth at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Library, for their "Families Around the World" cultural event. The event is on January 24, 2022, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The committee discussed participating in the event as well as what type of activities they could do to draw people to their booth.

Motion: Jason Grueneich made a motion for the committee to participate in the event. Sargianna Wutzke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

5. Other Business

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

