

MINUTES OF BEREHA, KY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2015

Present were David Shroyer, Mim Pride, Adriel Woodman, Carla Gilbert, Janice Blythe, Jon Rogers, Mayor Steve Connelly and Berea Citizen reporter Beth Myers.

Absent was Gene Stinchcomb.

Carla Gilbert called the meeting to order.

Jon passed out final Nov. 3 meeting minutes and draft minutes for the Dec. 1 meeting. David made a motion to accept the Nov. 2014 minutes and the Dec. 2014 draft. Mim provided a second and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

There was no treasurer's report due to Gene's absence.

Carla reported that the John G. Fee award was presented and is in the hands of the City Manager.

Administrative assistant notes were sent by Janice to Randy Stone. Mayor Connelly said the proposal was well received and that there was a need for administrative support in various minor commissions and committees. City council may have concerns for the budget impact and typically they do focus on human resource related matters. He suggested that the HRC consider connecting the position to a plan or program as to how the HRC will operate and present itself in the future i.e. promotion of human rights.

Janice to contact Randy Stone and asked that as many HRC members as possible meet with him to review the administrative assistant position.

Discussion on the website as Jon reported that with his departure the website will need someone to work on it. Carla will contact Lisa Vaughn to get it set up properly. Jon reported that the software used to set it up, Wordpress, is more complicated than he recalled and professional help is needed. Adriel will assist Carla in working with Lisa.

Follow-up on HRC member outreach. Adriel reported that he had contacted Rep. Rita Smart and there was interest from her. Other HRC members must complete their outreach to elected officials and others.

There was interest and discussion about possibly holding an event in May around a conversation on what are the community's issues from Janice. David reported that the school system generally has little to no work on human rights.. There is a desire by the HRC to learn more about what is happening with the school system and human rights.

Mayor Connelly reminded the HRC of the statutory focus that the commission is to have on areas of discrimination.

Jon will ask Vonda Poynter to consider a presentation to the HRC in April on Fair Housing. HRC will ask the mayor to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

Jon to share 2014 article on Fair Housing to avoid duplication.

Carla will spend the money from HRC budget to join the Southern Poverty Law Center to get access to various publications that they make available to members and she will share with all HRC members.

Martin Luther King celebration events are limited this year in the city. HRC to speak to Dr. Alicestyne Turley at Berea College for planning and participating in next year's events.

Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2. Carla will miss the meeting and David will chair.

This is Jon's final meeting as he is relocating out of state.

Janice made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mim provided a second.

NOTED: Jon acquired the HRC name tags from Mickey's Name Tags. 888-754-8337 for future needs.