

Decorah Human Rights Commission Meeting Notes - January 8, 2019

Members Present: Kathryn Thompson, Melissa Koch, Carol Hemesath, Brent Parker, Lisa Scott, Elizabeth Kane

Members Absent: Tiffany Macklin, Chad Bird

Guests Present:

Official meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Melissa Koch.

1. Approval of Meeting Notes from December meeting. Motion to approve by Elizabeth and seconded by Lisa.
2. Approval of January Agenda
 - a. Added discussion of Depot Grant under Old Business
3. Community Comment
4. Old Business
 - a. DHRC brochure modification and distribution update (Elizabeth and Lisa).
 - i. Lisa will take some to Student Activities Council (SAC) to distribute on campus.
 - ii. Elizabeth kept some for Gundersen.
 - iii. Carol will take some to NEI Behavioral Health.
 - iv. Melissa will take some to the library and any other places around town.
 - b. Winneshiek County Community Foundation grant. Complete for submission. Due January 10. (Melissa and Chad)
 - i. There is still a need for food - breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Day 1 and breakfast and lunch for a smaller group on Day 2.
 - ii. There may be a chance to potentially invite some Luther faculty and staff to this event as well.
 1. It may be too late for this year, but Lisa encouraged the commission to consider dual-sponsorship of programs like this in the future (between Luther and the city of Decorah).
 - iii. The commission reviewed the proposed grant that had been set out by Melissa before the meeting.
 - c. Depot Grant
 - i. Melissa asked about this grant and Elizabeth gave information on this since she has applied for one in the past.
 - d. Update on Ethnic Arts/Heritage Festival: Decorah and Luther College event (Lisa)
 - i. The event will be on Luther's campus this year in the North Gym. The event will be from 10am-5pm on Saturday, March 2nd.
 - ii. There may be an after party at the Cellar for the community.
 - e. Housing experts to speak at one of our future meetings (Elizabeth)
 - i. Elizabeth emailed Laurie Olson (sp) and Kristy Brockway (sp) have been contacting but they have not returned contact yet. Elizabeth will try to contact them again.
5. New Business

- a. New commission members discussion
 - i. Carol recommended seeking out new replacements through RSVP.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting is February 12th at 5:30 p.m.