

Human Relations Task Force (HRTF)

April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

A. Welcoming Remarks/Announcements by Chair Dahman

B. Roll Call: 6:47 PM

Present: Dahman, Moser, Lee-Goodman, Rhone, Tyler

Unexcused: MacDonell

Staff Liaisons: Ono, Seitz

Council Liaison: Brenden

C. Public Comments:

None. Corvi Urling, Huntington Beach resident and business owner attended as a guest.

D. Special Reports/Presentations:

Brown Act informational video was shown to all in attendance.

Council Liaison Patrick Brenden greeted HRTF board.

E. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from 3/5/19 meeting.

Moved: Moser; Seconded: Lee-Goodman; Yes: 4, No: 0, Abstain: 1, Tyler

F. Status/Informational Reports

1. Hate Crimes/Incidents from March, 2019, as well as updates on prior crimes/incidents

- Seitz discussed hate crime report from 3/8/19, which occurred at Surf City Church. A police report for vandalizing a house of worship was made.

2. Coordinating Council News/Activities - Tyler

- Attended a presentation about the Shipley Nature Center by Shirley Detloff. Coordinating Council has a website, which would be a good source to post HRTF items. www.hbvolunteers.org.
- Veterans Assistance Program at the HB Central Library is looking for volunteers.

3. HRTF Donation Balance - Seitz

- Seitz will provide update at 5/7/19 meeting. This will include payment issued for Black History Month event.

G. Administrative Items:

- Latin Heritage month in September and Native American month in November - Rhone.
 - She would like to create an event to include both. Rhone will contact HBHS student group to create a plan. Lee-Goodman works with Porch Creek Native American group in Alabama and will assist Rhone on this project.
- Student Day of Dialogue - Tyler
 - Successful event with a great turnout from all schools in HBUHSD.
 - Councilmember Semeta opened the event and Moser provided first comments of the day.
 - Activities and interactive groups were facilitated by Antonio Benitez and Julie Vue with OC Human Relations.
 - Discussion of how to encourage more male students to participate next year (only six attended this session).
 - Tyler generously donated the cost of the food provided for this event.
- Community Diversity Leadership - Dahman
 - HRTF board reviewed the applications received – one student and two adults.
 - Motion to approve student application for award: **Moved: Dahman; Seconded: Rhone; Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 0. All approved.** Two adult applicants will receive an acknowledgement as the 2019 awardees. Motion to approve two adult applicants: Dahman.

- Seconded: Moser. Yes: 5. No: 0. Abstain: 0.
- Discussion to promote through HB Public Information Office to encourage involvement earlier in the year and improve participation. Also, contact HBUHSD teachers to increase awareness of the program and encourage participation.
 - HB Reads – Lee-Goodman
 - Lee-Goodman requested she be excused from this board responsibility for now. Tyler will attend future meetings.
 - Tools For Tolerance Professional Development at Museum of Tolerance – Lee-Goodman
 - Tyler provided the name of HBUHSD Executive Director of Curriculum, Rocky Murray, as a point of contact for future planning.
 - Windows & Mirrors – Moser
 - Book fair 4/3/19 at Barnes & Noble Bella Terra.
 - Discussion of utilizing budget of \$220 for Day of Dialogue lunch expenses and allocating it for Windows & Mirrors program to purchase more books for the students. This is possible due to Tyler donating the cost of Day of Dialogue lunch. Motion: Dahman; Seconded: Rhone. Yes: 5. No: 0. Abstain: 0.
 - Motion to create ad hoc committee for finalizing booklets and delivery of books to the schools. Moved: Moser. Seconded: Tyler. Yes: 5. No: 0. Abstain: 0. All approved.
 - HB Listens – Moser
 - Don Hahn and Antonio Benitez from OC Human Relations provided training for the facilitators of HB Listens. 14 attended the training including Lee-Goodman.
 - Relationships First Event will be Sunday, 4/7/19, from 200pm to 400pm at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. OC Human Relations is also promoting this event. Interested parties can sign up through EventBrite.
 - Additional discussion of Courageous Conversations group. Possibly incorporate HB Listens with the HB HTF to create conversations regarding homelessness.
 - Courage to Remember event at HBHS - Moser
 - The Courage to Remember mobile Holocaust Museum will be open to the public at Huntington Beach High School on 4/27/19 from 900am – 1100am, 1100am – 100pm and 100pm - 300pm.
 - Looking for volunteers from HRTF to help staff the event.
 - Moser will extend invitation to HB City Council members.
 - Courage to Remember on 4/23/19 is the opening event. Additional day to attend is 4/27/19 from 900am to 100pm. Courage to Remember is open to the public.
 - Youth Voices Essay and Art Contest – Moser
 - Judging currently taking place of the eighty submissions received.
 - Discussion of making this an annual event.
 - Discussion of a certificate of recognition for top submissions and include the presentation of these certificates at HB City Council meeting. Include Ms. Janet Ewell, a HB community member, in this recognition. She has been instrumental in this event.
 - HRTF Board Professional Development – Lee-Goodman
 - Discussion of City of HB staff and members of HBPD to make presentations to HRTF board.
 - HRTF Board Elections - Dahman
 - Chair nomination is for Moser. Motion by Dahman to appoint Moser. All approved.
 - Vice-Chair nomination is for Rhone. Motion by Dahman to appoint Rhone. All approved.
 - Secretary nomination is vacant. Tyler agreed to act as interim Secretary. Motion by Dahman to approve Tyler. Seconded by Rhone. All approved.

H. Staff comments/Distribution of information or materials

- Lee-Goodman obtained DVDs created by the Simon Wiesenthal Center regarding the use of symbols in history and their meaning. One copy for the HBPD and one for the HRTF members to view.
- Tyler shared excerpts from an essay submitted by a student for the Youth Voices contest.
- Rhone discussed the redesign of the HRTF logo, increasing visibility of the HRTF and collaborating with Allied Arts Board for the logo design. This would encourage a connection with local students and introduce them to the HRTF. Create rules and guidelines for the submissions and judge the submissions. Possibly host an event to unveil the new logo. Timeframe for this project would be 6-8 weeks.

I. Task Force Member Announcements

- Moser attended Hate Crime Network meeting and Holocaust survival meeting. Anne Frank's sister spoke at this event. Moser also discussed other events related to the Interfaith Council.

J. Items for Future Consideration

- Moser: Calendar of events for HRTF members to use and creation of a public calendar for citizens to refer.
- Discussion of a shared drive or document library to maintain project documentation and attachments.

Adjournment

**Adjourned at 8:50 pm to Tuesday, May 7, 2019.
Huntington Beach Central Library, Room B, at 6:45 pm**