

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

May 10, 2022

PRESENT: Soljourna Atwater Melody Haynes Mary Ellen Quinn
Bunny Dimke Judy Lange Tyra Robinson-Walker
Diana Gore Nancy Moldenhauer

ABSENT: Albertine Allen Dennis Carroll Marty Corley

OTHERS Ta-Tanisha George Larry Arness
PRESENT: Pat Harris ALCO

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. by Nancy Moldenhauer

ROLL CALL: Roll call was conducted. Attendance recorded above. Quorum present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for April 2022 was entered by Judy Lange and properly second by Mary Ellen Quinn. Motion Carried. Vote 8-0.

FINANCE REPORT

Mrs. George reported that the \$300 from Galveston's Give Back fundraiser had been received. The current Balance is reported at \$2380.83. She will forward a copy of the financial report to all members.

A motion was entered by Judy Lange to reimburse Bunny Dimke \$75.74 for pizzas, desserts, and other items that she provided to the Special Education teachers and support staff of Michigan City Area Schools in April for Disabilities Awareness Month. This event was held to show appreciation to the staff for their continued dedication to serving youth with special needs. It was properly second by Melody Haynes. Motion carried. Vote 8-0

A motion was entered by Mary Ellen Quinn to approve funds of \$784.26 for the purchase of equipment to be used by the Special Education Department. The equipment, a Speedway Express Red Wagon, will be used by the department specifically for the Pre-k students. It was second by Judy Lange. Motion carried. Vote 8-0

Judy Lange entered a motion to approve funding of \$200 for outreach and education at the Pride Fest event on June 18, 2022. It was second by Melody Haynes. Motion carried. Vote 8-0. Nancy Moldenhauer reminded members that this event is not only a festival but serves to educate the community as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. George reported that there are no updates for case dispositions.

She informed members that the mayor will be attending the Black History Month/Celebrating Naomi Anderson Contest ceremony. There are at least nine (9) winners this year. After a brief discussion on the date for the event, it was decided to send several dates to check the Mayor's availability.

She stated that three (3) applications were received for the Judy Huber scholarship and three (3) applications received for the Hawkins-Williams scholarship. She stated that judges are needed to evaluate the applications. Soljourna Atwater, Mary Ellen Quinn, Diana Gore and Judy Lange agreed to serve as judges.

Mrs. George informed members that the search for the new executive directors is underway. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 20, 2022. Applications should be mailed to city hall. She has received two (2) so far.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STAFF ATTORNEY’S REPORT: No Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No Report

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: No Report

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE No Report

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Judy Lange is waiting for an update from Leeds on their drink of the month fundraiser. It began May 1.

SSAAM No Report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE No Report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

MLK COMMITTEE: No Report

LAPORTE COUNTY PFLAG Nancy Moldenhauer reminded members that Pride Fest will be held Saturday, June 18, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Washington Park’s Fedders Alley.

TENANT/LANDLORD No Report

OLD BUSINESS Mrs. George reported that the probable cause committee reviewed the case on April 26, 2022 and found No Probable Cause. Members serving on the committee included Albertine Allen, Diana Gore and Melody Haynes. A motion to accept the recommendation of the committee was entered by Bunny Dimke and second by Mary Ellen Quinn. The roll call vote was conducted as follows:

Soljourna Atwater	Yes	Judy Lange	Yes
Bunny Dimke	Yes	Nancy Moldenhauer	Yes
Diana Gore	Yes	Mary Ellen Quinn	Yes
Melody Haynes	Yes	Tyra Robinson-Walker	Yes

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Lange announced that Galveston’s will host a giveback for Friends of the Library and encouraged members to support this event because they supported the giveback for the MCHRC.

Pat Harris, IBE MC chapter, reminded members of the 2nd Annual Corporate Luncheon on Friday, May 20, 2022.

ADJOURN:

The meeting concluded at 5:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

June 7, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – City Hall

***Respectfully Submitted
Ta-Tanisha George, Executive Director***