

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

August 2, 2022

PRESENT: Dennis Carroll Judy Lange Tyra Robinson-Walker
 Bunny Dimke Nancy Moldenhauer
 Diana Gore Mary Ellen Quinn

ABSENT: Soljourna Atwater Melody Haynes
 Albertine Allen
 Marty Corley

OTHERS

PRESENT: ALCO
 Larry Arness
 Ta-Tanisha George

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Nancy Moldenhauer

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes for July 5, 2022, was entered by Judy Lange and properly seconded by Bunny Dimke. Motion carried. Vote 7-0.

FINANCE REPORT: The treasurer, Bunny Dimke, presented the balance of the Commission fund to be \$3,336.83. This included the receipt of \$966.00 from Leeds' Drink of the Month Program.

A motion to approve the Finance report for August was entered by Mary Ellen Quinn and properly seconded by Judy Lange. Motion carried. Vote 7-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report was submitted by the Interim Director.

STAFF ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No report was submitted by Attorney Arness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: An Executive Session is scheduled for Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss and interview candidates for the Executive Director's position. Nancy Moldenhauer stated she will forward copies of the interview questions to the committee prior to the meeting.

Development/Fundraising Committee: No Report

Education Committee: The Scholarship Committee submitted the following recommendations for the winners of the Hawkins-Williams Educational Scholarship and the Judi Huber Educational Scholarship:

Christian McDaniel – Hawkins-Williams Educational Scholarship
Sofia Reyna- Judi Huber Educational Scholarship

Education Committee (continued):

A motion to accept the Scholarship committee's recommendations was entered by Mary Ellen Quinn and properly seconded by Diana Gore. Motion carried. Vote 7-0.

The winner of each scholarship will receive \$1000.00.

Community Engagement Committee: The Interim Director shared with the Commission information regarding a golf outing in support of Paladin. The event will be on August 10, 2022 at the Beechwood Golf Course, 2222 Woodland Drive in Laporte. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and tee time is at 9:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: During the July meeting when the subcommittee restructuring was addressed, the group forgot to include the Humanitarian of the Year Award and the Unsung Hero events in the reconfiguration. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Judy Lange to include these events under the Community Engagement Committee. The motion was seconded by Bunny Dimke. Motion carried. Vote 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Lange shared that she was approached by someone who was interested in starting a scholarship under the Human Rights Commission. The group discussed the possibility of administering another scholarship.

Mary Ellen Quinn explained that Ms. Huber was a longstanding member of the Commission before she passed away. In her honor, a family member donated the monies to have the scholarship established. Eventually the Commission took over the funding for the scholarship. The Hawkins-Williams Scholarship was initially called the Human Rights Commission Scholarship. It has been offered by the Commission going back over twenty-five years. It was renamed to honor former director Joe Hawkins and former community activist and commissioner Rebecca Williams.

Nancy Moldenhauer suggested that anyone who wanted the Commission to administer another scholarship should submit a written proposal to the Commission. Everyone agreed with the suggestion.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Tyra Robinson-Walker informed the group that the Indiana Consortium Conference had been rescheduled for November. It will be held in South Bend. She asked that the interim director forward the information to all the commissioners.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ADJOURN:

The meeting concluded at 5:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

September 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – City Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Ta-Tanisha George, Interim Executive Director