

Present: Lai, Sarah Drake, Lindsey Gunnerson, Rachel Wexelbaum, Jonathan Wong (intern)

1. Welcome and introductions: everyone meet Jonathan Wong, Human Rights Office intern! :)
2. Approve August minutes: Minutes approved
3. Housing Workgroup update: no report; Judy not here today
4. Main Street and Pride Weekend
 - Recap from Rachel
 - email list given to Jonathan to digitize
 - Tent issue
 - Questions re: budget:
 - a. How much is it?
 - b. Where is it?
 - c. Who administers it?
 - d. How do we get to spend this money / get reimbursed?
Someone—Eunice or Sarah—has to talk to Matt Glaesman

Next human rights meeting: Figure out a strategy to advocate for a formal budget / spending process

If we are not the spenders, who is the person on the city level to access the budget and purchase products?

Main Street response very positive—stickers and buttons very possible
Rachel will check on DVD availability in library and get them from St Paul office if they are captioned

5. Anti-bullying forum

- a) Venue: Eunice not been able to get responses from school districts
Eunice—can we get the chamber?
If not, Rachel will investigate SCSU
Oct 12 / Oct 26 dates — Oct 26 confirmed, 5 pm - 7 pm
- b) Brochure: For local resources / support (Eunice may have an old template)
Interns can help with SCARHC with projects if boss approves
(to get someone from MDHR to come)
Jon will contact Ben Katzner re: brochure assistance
Invite K-12 principals, social workers, teachers, students

Sarah will help w/K-12 schools (Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St Cloud 742)

Ben in charge while Christine is on leave

Marnita's Table: George Family Foundation: top guy at Medtronic
— working on recovering from trauma

- traditional and alternative non-western/non-insurance covered healing traditions
- planning an event in St Cloud
- Mayor said the Human Rights Commission should be involved in this (promotion and presence)
- will be scheduling a meeting in St Cloud in a couple of weeks—hit up diverse groups and representation of different types of ways of healing (mid-November)

6. Other

Project Homeless Connect

- Rachel will email info about Project Homelessness Connect and T-Shirt/Sweatshirt sale

Dec 1st-Dec 12th

Human Rights Week: Cold Spring event

What is Human Rights Commission doing?

OPAA: Organization for the Protection of AIDS in Africa

Reminder to Eunice to send commissioners the digital copy of the new document from Joint Powers Board

- Discuss at our next meeting

Discussion of roles of commissioners

Closed application for human rights investigator—currently someone is here every other Wednesday from 8 am - 4:30 pm

Dept of Human Rights: 3 divisions

Civic Engagement: Educate people through events—provide speakers, outreach, etc for community events

Compliance: legal department: Oversees state contractors to make sure that they comply with state law

Enforcement Officers—process complaints

7. Adjourned 7:08 pm