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February 16 2011 Meeting Minutes

Arlington Human Rights Commission Minutes – Final February 16, 2011

Present: Marlissa Briggett, Christine Carney, Vita Cohen, Vice Chair Stacy Davison, Gary Horowitz, Jorge Loayza, Nick Minton, Chair Nancy Rhoads, Bill Shea, Nancy Sweeney, Suzie Talukdar

Absent: Sheri Baron, Marlene Schultz

Open Forum –

Jill Lewis spoke to us tonight regarding a Stand Against Racism event that should be held on April 29/30. Due to time and cost restraints it was suggested that if the AHRC gets involved it should be a simple event this year. The many suggestions discussed have been tabled until the March meeting.

Review of January Minutes – Minutes accepted

Planning the Wall of Silence Training –

Commissioners Briggett and Sweeney arranged for the Wall of Silence training to be held on Wednesday, March 16th at the Calvary Church at 6:30pm. A \$5 fee has been requested. Commissioner Briggett will write a press release for the Advocate and notice will be posted on the Arlington Patch. E-mail and a mailing will be sent to the Rapid Response Network. A motion was made and accepted to allocate up to \$200 for this event.

Incidents – Complaints –

No incidents were reported this month.

Planning for Communities Service Assessment Meeting –

Regina Caines will be the facilitator for the meeting that has been rescheduled for Monday March 7th. Mission statements and activities will be discussed.

Sub-committee Reports –

Schools –

Commissioners Sweeney and Talukdah attended the coffee social at the library on January 25th - Supt. Bodie had sent a survey to all teachers. Though attendance was small there was good conversation.

Building Respect Task Force Group –

Spaghetti supper fundraiser to raise money for training programs was successful

GSA at Ottoson –

A support group for parents has been organized. These meetings are open to students also. The first year is building trust by just talking with groups about the Peer Leadership Program.

Policies & Procedures – n/a

Rapid Response – Review of meeting on 2/7/11

Chair Rhoads reported that there was much progress at the recent meeting and that town Webmaster Joan Roman has joined the board. They are still working on protocol (who is responsible for what) and decided to meet at least three times a year to make sure all are on the same page. The issues discussed last month are still a work in progress.

Review of Goals –

The long and short term goals discussions will be revisited in April/May

Other Business –

Reminder that Candidates Night is March 24th.

The Chair read a thank you note for our support of the recent MLK event.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved.

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