
Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee MEETING MINUTES

July 20 , 2009, Village Hall, Room 101 7:15 PM

Committee Members Present:

Phillip Anderson, Maura Contreras, Eira Corral, Kenneth Griesemer, Mathew Idicula, Manhar Patel, Gayle Peneschi, Maria Washington, Jammye Woods and Ron Woods.

Others Present:

Sandra Vincent Richard, Staff Liaison, Mike Riess, and Cindy Dittmer.

Others Absent:

Rohit Bhatt, Laura Ehorn, Debra McDonald, Rev. Craig Stroder, and Trustee Toni Carter (Board Liaison).

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m.

II. Presentation of Agenda

A motion was made by Rev. Mathew Idicula for approval of the Agenda as presented. It was seconded by Ken Griesemer. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays or abstentions. The motion passed and the Agenda was approved as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2009.

A motion was made by Rev. Mathew Idicula to approve the Minutes from June 15, 2009 as presented. The motion was seconded by Manhar Patel. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays or abstentions. The motion passed; and the Minutes from June 15, 2009 were approved as presented.

IV. Program Planning for the Remainder of the Fiscal Year

Staff Liaison Sandra Richard described what was included in the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee Budget for FY2010 and the impact on the remaining programs as a result of the \$2,000 donation to the Hanover Park Community Resource Coalition. The Committee discussed possibly participating in some manner in the Park District's Mexican Independent Day celebration on September 15th. Maura Contreras volunteered to follow-up with Lily Garcia at the Park District on what their sponsorship entailed and whether or not we could have a "booth" and provide some type of activity or information.

Although we were too late for this year, Eira Corral suggested we also look into participating in Centro de Infomacion's August Mental Health Fair.

Gayle Peneschi mentioned that the Mayor asked some Committee members if the CIDC would help with the Village's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. There was a general consensus to do that. Some discussion ensued about how we can participate. Someone suggested offering a taste of the holidays across different

cultures. Maria Washington suggested we provide each child attending with a Christmas stocking with candy from different cultures. Committee members were asked to bring any additional ideas to the August meeting.

Committee members also agreed to move the symposium from December to March 2010 as they felt that would be a better time of year.

V. Old Business

A. Call-in Options/Definition of Committee

The Staff Liaison reported to the Committee on the Village Attorney's letter regarding clarifying the difference between a Commission and a Committee (there is none) and what constitutes an official meeting as defined by the Open Meetings Act, especially in reference to phone conferences and sub-committee meetings.

B. 501(c)3 Designation

The Staff Liaison provided Committee members with an Internal Revenue Service document on how to apply for 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. Committee members were asked to review it and consider it as an option should the Committee want to be independent of the Village and be able to conduct their own fund-raising campaigns and accept in-kind donations.

VI. New Business

A. Backpack Buddies Club

Cindy Dittmer described her Backpack Buddies Club which is a non-profit program to provide filled backpacks to school children in need. She invited Committee members to volunteer to help stuff them at St. Columba Church at 7:00 p.m. on August 7th. She also indicated that their website, www.backpackbuddiesclub.com has information on what types of items are needed for the backpacks.

B. 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Phil Anderson provided the Committee with information on the upcoming 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament being held by the Hanover Park Community Resource Center. By holding this type of program, the CRC hopes to expose the public to the types of programs offered by the Center.

C. St. Columba Golden Jubilee

Rev. Mathew Idicula introduce Mike Riess, who volunteers at his church and invited everyone to attend the September 26th Golden Jubilee Celebration at St. Columba Church in Hanover Park at 2:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Eira Corral and seconded by Gayle Peneschi for adjournment. A voice vote was taken. All ayes, no nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Sandra Vincent Richard, 7/20/2009

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