
Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2009, Village Hall, Room 214 7:15 PM

Committee Members Present:

Phillip Anderson, Eira Corral, Kenneth Griesemer, Louise McFadden, Rev. Mathew Idicula, Jammye Woods, Ron Woods.

Others Present:

Trustee Toni Carter (Board Liaison), Sandra Vincent Richard (Staff Liaison), Village President Rod Craig, Pastor Ron Heitman, Linda McCance Packham, and Frank Grant-Acquah, Maria Washington, Bill Meade, Chris VanHerik.

Others Absent:

Maura Contreras, Laura Ehorn, Debra McDonald, Gayle Peneschi, Jennie Swanson, Rev. Craig Stroder.

I. Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM.

II. Presentation of Agenda

A motion was made by Ken Griesemer and second by Mathew Idicula to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays and No abstentions. Motion passed. The January 19th Agenda was approved as presented.

III. Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2008 as corrected

The minutes were corrected to reflect that Jennie Swanson was present and to delete an immaterial statement by an unknown person.

A motion was made by Rev. Mathew Idicula and seconded by Louise McFadden to approve the minutes of November 17, 2008 as corrected.

Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. The minutes of November 17, 2008 were approved as corrected.

IV. Approval of Programs and Budget for FY2010

Staff Liaison Sandra Richard reviewed the budget and programs proposed for FY2010 with the Committee that were approved by the Village Manager. Included in the 2010 budget is a \$1,000 allocation to attend the annual Dr. Martin Luther King event held by the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Trustee Carter suggested that the Committee look into becoming a 501(c)3 organization.

A motion was made by Rev. Mathew Idicula and seconded by Louise McFadden to approve and recommend the FY10 Budget and programs to the Village Board for approval.

Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. The proposed programs and budget for FY2010 will be prepared for inclusion in the FY2010 budget request for approval by the Village Board.

V. February Program Update

Phil Anderson went over the agenda for the day with the members. The committee planned to involve students in singing and dance performances during the course of the event. The committee was in the process of looking for someone to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. They still needed to put together the program that will be handed out. Pastor from different churches were being invited to speak on the relevance of the values of Dr. King. There was some discussion around the issue of inviting clerics from other religious denominations to speak at this event. Pastor Ron indicated that he would get back to Phil Anderson with an approval by his church of the pastors selected to speak. Pastor Ron Heitman also indicated that his church would be able to show a professional video presentation for the event. Although there would be a fee for the sound technician, there would be no fee for the use of the building.

VI. April Program Update

A subcommittee was formed to work on the details of the Multi-cultural Celebration event. This subcommittee includes: Rev. Mathew Idicula, Louise McFadden, Eira Corral, Ron Woods, and Laura Ehorn. The date is set tentatively for April 25, 2009 at Springwood Middle School, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. The Sister Cities Committee also volunteered to assist on this program.

VII. New Business

- a. Trustee Carter asked for additional volunteers to take minutes in the absence of the Committee's secretary. Eira Corral indicated she would be willing to do so.
- b. Eira also mentioned that she is meeting with Centro de Informacion about partnering with one of the Committee's events. She said she also spoke to another business owner who might be willing to host such an event. This could possibly work with our June event.
- c. Bill Meade, President of the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI) spoke about getting information about the services of this group out to the community. The Staff Liaison was asked to see if information about NAMI could be included on the Water Bills. Trustee Carter asked if we could use funds to join this organization.
- d. A motion was made by Ron Woods and seconded by Louise McFadden to join the National Association for Mental Illness. Voice Vote: All ayes. No nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. The Staff Liaison will process the membership application.
- e. Village President Rod Craig announced that the Committee is invited to attend a Dr. Martin Luther King event hosted by Hanover Township at the Astor Avenue Community Center on Wednesday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. He then thanked everyone for their participation on the Committee.

- f. Trustee Carter mentioned that Rick Roberts is hosting a Support the Troops drive and is asking for the support of the CIDC. She also mentioned that with all the foreclosures taking place, she is looking into bringing a shelter to Hanover Park and is looking for people interested in helping with this project.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jammye Woods and seconded by Ken Griesemer for adjournment.

Vote: All ayes. No nays and no abstentions. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Sandra Vincent Richard, 1/19/2009

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