

Boyle County Human Rights Commission

Meeting Minutes: 06/27/16

The scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Human Rights Commission was held at the Boyle County Courthouse, on June 27, 2016. Members in attendance: Susie Kelly, James Hunn, Jan Bradshaw, Arlen Finke, Anne Sleet, Gary Barkman, and Kathy Miles. Peter McCaffrey, interpreter for the deaf was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by James Hunn, and Gary Barkman gave the opening prayer. It was noted that Amy Barkman has had surgery, and well wishes for her recovery were expressed.

The minutes of the May 23, 2016, meeting were emailed to members by Kathy Miles, Secretary. A motion was made by Susie Kelly, seconded by Gary Barkman to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Kathy Miles reported that she has received no definite word regarding a resignation from Chairperson, Georgia Tompkins. She will report to the county and the city representatives.

Members' terms of office were reviewed. Jan Bradshaw and Amy Barkman have been reappointed by Boyle County Fiscal Court. And, Anne Sleet has been reappointed to a term ending 06/30/19 by the city of Perryville. No information has been received concerning any appointment made by Junction City.

Arlen Finke reported that he has continued to serve on a committee at Ephraim McDowell comprised of representatives of various community groups to address diversity needs in medical care. Next meeting is June 29. He has had another complaint from a member of the deaf community re: lack of an interpreter at the hospital ER. He will follow up with the hospital. He also reported that members of the deaf community have continued to ask him if our local Commission has heard from their complaints to Louisville. He will report back to them that our local Commission members will not receive a response.

New Business:

Susie Kelly announced that she has received a letter from the City of Danville stating that funds have been awarded to the Human Rights Commission by the city for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year. Since the Commission does not have a bank account, and is not to receive funds directly in order not to qualify as an SPGE, she will inform the City Manager of this fact and request that the funds not be disbursed directly to our Commission.

End of Summer Community Picnic sponsored by CCHR, will be Sept. 4, at 5:30 PM, at Pioneer Playhouse. Everyone is invited, and asked to bring a dish to serve 10 to 12. If a deaf interpreter is needed, please email Kathy Miles.

Frank X Walker Literary Festival, focused on school-aged children and youth, will be sponsored by CCHR on September 16.

Second Street Festival will be held on Second Street at Constitution Square on August 13.

Arlen Finke suggested that the newspaper announcement of our meetings include a statement about the purpose of the Human Rights Commission. He believes that many people do not know about the Commission. The possibility of asking the newspaper to do an article about the Commission was discussed.

Danville NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet will be July 23, 6 PM, at the New Birth Church on Perryville Road. Tickets are \$15.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Gary Barkman, seconded by Susie Kelly to adjourn. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

_____*Next meeting: July 25, 6:00 PM, Boyle County Courthouse. Arrive promptly and enter by the 4th Street door.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy L. Miles, Secretary