



Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate

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Monday April 9th, 2007
Riverside City Hall, 6th floor conference room

Minutes of meeting – the meeting had a quorum of Board members and began at 5: 45 PM called by the Chair Mike Smith.

Board Members & members present – Mike Smith, Chair, Robert Gill, Vice-Chair, Mike Kinsman, Secretary (arrived after the meeting commenced), David St. Pierre, Treasurer, and John Higley of the Board were present. Sgt. Dennis Gutierrez and visitors Yvette Pierre and Cpl. Jerry Franchville were at the meeting.

Chairperson's report – Mike Smith discuss several articles in local newspapers and how it was essential for WIECAH to provide resources and liaison between governmental agencies and the community to reduce the amount of intolerance reported in the articles.

Minutes – The minutes of the March meeting taken by Michael Kinsman were reviewed. Bob Gill, who chaired that meeting and moved to accept the minutes with David St. Pierre seconding the motion and the membership unanimously moved to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's report – David St. Pierre reported that the WIECAH checking account had an ending balance, as of the March 28th was \$ 6, 803.77. David has ordered a second WIECAH checkbook and notified the bank to forward the monthly statements to the WIECAH P.O. Box.

Correspondence – Mike Kinsman reported that he received agendas from the Redlands and San Bernardino Human Relations Commissions (which meets on the same day as WIECAH) and he has mailed both commissions copies of WIECAH's January's minutes and tonight's agenda.

Old Business

- **1st Annual "Fighting Hate & Building Inclusion " recognition & awards ceremony** – David reported the menu for buffet dinner and the room at the Marriot have been selected but members will have to pay for parking. The subcommittee is meeting this Thursday, April 12th to finalize the planning to include ticket costs, table costs, etc. Mike Kinsman will prepare a mailing flyer when that information has been decided and send the notices to all the persons on the WIECAH mailing list. The Board

hasn't received any additional nominations. John Higley nominated of Wayland Marler of California Baptist University and he is the only nominee as of this date. David reminded the Board we need a law enforcement nomination for recognition.

- **Quarterly Community Forum – Critique** – Mike Smith reported and all the Board members agreed that the material, presenters and limited dialogue after the panel presentation on Wednesday, March 21st at the Riverside Library was excellent and informative. We may need more topical issue to generate interest. The poor attendance and lack of sufficient public notification were the critical issues that need to be addressed. Mike Kinsman reported that he mailed 180 notification letters to the people listed on the WIECAH mailing list however only 5 persons notified attended. The e-mail addresses collected from the attendees will be added to the WIECAH e-mail notification list. Several Board members advised of internet contact sources to be used next time. Mike Kinsman will be attending a media access forum presented by the Asian American Journalists Association at UCR on May 5th and that should provide some training and contacts to improve media notification and dissemination.
- **3rd Annual Multicultural Youth Festival** - WIECAH members John Higley and Bob Gill have volunteered to assist the Riverside HRC at the Hidden Bias booth. WIECAH can't have a separate booth.
- **Revisions for WIECAH brochure** – Dennis Gutierrez advised that the Sheriff agreed to allow RSO personnel to craft the design and content for the brochure. The Board expressed its gratitude for the offer.
- **Downtown Safety Forum** – Yvette reports that the date, time and location have been finalized, Wednesday, May 2nd at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers and that Councilman Dom Betro has agreed to give some opening remarks. Yvette has a panel chosen and the agenda will be finalized.

New Business

- **Board outreach efforts** – Mike Kinsman reminded that Board that we need representation from the Faith-based community and he has invited Rev. Jane Quandt of the First Congregational Church to the next meeting.
- **GSA/ACLU's workshop on LGBTQ student rights** – Mike Kinsman reported that the proposed workshop has been cancelled because the ACLU attorney is no longer employed by the ACLU and therefore the GSA can't proceed.

Subcommittee updates

- Communications/outreach – Mike Kinsman – nothing to report
- Youth resources - nothing to report
- Education awareness - nothing to report

Roundtable discussion/ presentations

Action Items – see underlined minutes

Adjournment – the next meeting will be held on Monday May 14th at 5:45 PM at the Riverside City Hall, 6th floor conference room.