



Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate

Serving the Western Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Board & Planning Committee Meeting
Monday May 14th, 2007
Riverside City Hall, 6th floor conference room

Minutes of meeting – the meeting had a quorum of Board members and began at 5:47 PM called by the Chair Mike Smith.

Board Members & members present – Mike Smith, Chair, Robert Gill, Vice-Chair, Mike Kinsman, Secretary, David St. Pierre, Treasurer, Celeste Shively and John Higley of the Board were present. Guest Lt. Mike Perea was at the meeting.

Chairperson's report – Mike Smith discussed that the San Bernardino District Attorney determined that the March 12th incident at St. Adelaide was not a hate crime.

Minutes – The minutes of the April meeting taken by Michael Kinsman were reviewed. Bob Gill 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 April 26th was \$ 5,837.08 after he has issued checks for incurred budgetary expenses. David briefly explained what checks were issued and the expenses.

Correspondence –

- April 24th, received bill from Office Max, HSBC Business Solutions, \$10.78, which was paid by Treasurer David St. Pierre by check and mailed to Office Max on May 2nd.
- May 4th, received checks from Supervisor John Tavaglione of Riverside County, for Award's dinner, \$1,000 and Long Beach Lesbian & Gay pride, \$105.75, delivered to Treasurer David St. Pierre.
- May 5th sent copies of Awards dinner and nomination form to WIECAH mailing list, 152 letters.
- May 11th, received bills from Office Max, \$45.57 (duplication and folding of mailing letters) and Cingular monthly bill, \$86.79.
- May 14th, check \$ 400, City of Riverside for Awards Dinner table

Old Business

- **Inaugural “Fighting Hate & Building Inclusion “recognition & awards dinner/ceremony** – The Board discussed whether to “comp” meals for the nominees and their guest it was agreed that would be taken to the Awards subcommittee for a decision on Tuesday, May 15th. Mike Kinsman reported that he would prepare the Press Release but he needed the names all the nominees. The Board appreciated the talents of Jo Anne Umezurike in preparing the “Save the Date” card but decided not to use it at this time The Board still hasn’t received any additional nominations.
- **Downtown Safety Forum** – Mike Kinsman circulated the LGBT handout draft prepared by Chani Beeman and advised that after the draft is approved by the Riverside Police, Riverside Human Relations Commission and JOCC the final draft will be distributed to the Board.
- **WIECAH brochure** – Mike Kinsman distributed the brochures to the Board. 600 brochures were printed however due to printing costs the cost per brochure was 76 cents. The Board examined the final product and they discussed distribution. Among the locations discussed were the Police Service Centers, Riverside County Board of Supervisors, Riverside/San Bernardino City Halls, JOCC, and Community Centers. The cost of the brochures and the increase in locations would require a less costly printing process to reduce the per brochure cost. David reported that he is familiar with a different commercial printer who could reduce the overall cost.

New Business

- **Quarterly Community Forum** – The Board decided that the next Quarterly Community forum would be held on Wednesday, July 11th in a San Bernardino location. The topic would be Hate Crimes against the Homeless. Mike Kinsman attended a conference offered by Riverside DPSS Homeless Program Unit and Brian Levin who was a speaker agreed to participate. Mike Kinsman reports that Don Smith Jr. the City of Riverside Homeless Program Director also agreed to participate in the forum. Mike will report on organizing/planning efforts next month.
- **Contact/information telephone number** – Mike Kinsman reports with the new telephone number, **951-892-4834**, is operational and that he will be meeting with staff from the Riverside Volunteer Center to develop a monitoring protocol similar to the old hot-line.
- **Board outreach efforts and suggestions**– Bob Gill suggested that we invite clergy who have attended past WIECAH events to all future events to cultivate involvement from the faith community. Mike Smith suggested that WIECAH contact the various cities Human Relations Commission and re-introduce ourselves with a presentation to the commissions. Mike Kinsman will send letters to schedule those joint meetings.

Subcommittee updates

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

Roundtable discussion/ presentations

- Mike Smith asked Mike Kinsman to order new letterhead reflecting our website and new phone number. John Higley asked if the Board members could have name labels to identify WIECAH and the Board members at different functions.

Action Items – see underlined minutes

Adjournment – the next meeting will be held on Monday June 11th at 5:45 PM at the Riverside City Hall, 6th floor conference room.