



Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate

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Board & Planning Committee Meeting
Monday June 11th, 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, David St. Pierre, Treasurer, Celeste Shively, Chani Beeman, and John Higley of the Board were present. Guest Cpl. Jerry Franchville, RSO, was at the meeting.

Chairperson's report – Mike Smith discussed the plans for the Inaugural “Fighting Hate and Building Inclusion” dinner. He mentioned that he had biographical background information on the two awards recipients, Professor Wayland Marler, of CBU, and Rabbi Hillel Cohn. We would use a PowerPoint presentation. The goal was to “put a cheek in each seat” and since we lacked a keynote speaker he would read letters from the State Treasurer Bill Lockyer and the CBU president at the dinner. Chani reported that we had commitments for about 13 tables.

Minutes – The minutes of the May 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 reports that as of June 11th the checking account has a balance of \$6,499.28 but Awards Dinner expenses and final reimbursements will change that amount.

Correspondence – Mike Kinsman distributed the new WIECAH name badges and letterhead to the members. He reported that he has sent letters to the Riverside, Rialto, Redlands, San Bernardino and Hemet/San Jacinto Human Relations Commissions seeking to re-introduce WIECAH to the HRCs. The Riverside HRC has responded and scheduled a meeting for June 21st. Mike Kinsman has received a check, \$400, from the City Of Riverside for the dinner. Bills from Office Max, HSBC, and Cingular were submitted for payment.

Old Business

- **Inaugural “Fighting Hate & Building Inclusion “recognition & awards dinner/ceremony** – This item was discussed during the Chair's report. Mike Smith thanked the subcommittee members for all their hard work on the organizing the dinner.
- **Downtown Safety Forum** – Mike Kinsman circulated the LBGT handout draft prepared by Chani Beeman and advised that after the draft is approved, on

Thursday, June 21st by the Riverside Human Relations Commission the final draft will be distributed.

- **Quarterly Community Forum** – Mike Kinsman reports that the panel members have been selected and agreed to participate. The Quarterly Community Forum is titled “Hate Crimes and the Homeless, Collaborative Strategies for Change” and will be on July 11th at the Norman Feldheim Library in San Bernardino. Mike Kinsman will handle the Press Release and distribute, via e-mail, the flyers to the members and interested persons.

New Business

Subcommittee updates

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

Roundtable discussion/ presentations

1. David mentioned that allegations of continued harassment against the LGBT community are still being made so the businesses open in the area, Lake Alice Trading Co., Worthington’s, Back to the Grind and Menagerie, at night will be meeting with the Riverside Police to discuss resolving the problem.

Action Items – see underlined minutes

Adjournment – the next meeting will be our Annual Board meeting and election of Board Officers and will held at the Cask n’ Cleaver restaurant on Monday July 9th.