



Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate

Serving the Western Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

Board Minutes

November 9, 2009

Riverside City Hall, 6th Floor Conference Room

Roll Call

John Higley, Celeste Shively, J.B. Brennan, Kenya Davis-Hayes, David St. Pierre, Chani Beaman

Call to Order—5:53pm

Treasurer's Report

David St. Pierre reported a balance of \$527.32 and the phone bill needed to be paid as of the 9th of November. St. Pierre also reported that he would inquire into a PO box.

Secretary Correspondence

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

a.) Status of 501(c)3

WIECAH's 501(c)3 expired and the Secretary of State was contacted. Chani Beaman reported a need for a non-profit accountant for taxes and thinks that *TurboTax* may suffice. Finally, a discussion took place regarding the need for fundraising.

b.) Quarterly Community Forum—Dialogue

There was discussion of putting the forum on hold in lieu of the new Nazi presence. Mike Kinsman proposed the possibility of pairing with another organization along with proclaiming it an inter-faith "Dialogue on Tolerance" inviting those from the faith community from Anti-Nazi activists.

c.) "Dialogue on Tolerance" planned for March 11th at CBU entitled "Faith, Hate, and Building Bridges" in partnership with the ICUC. Discussion of inviting UCR faculty and representatives from the Sheriff's Department.

d.) June O'Connor of UCR's Fellowship of Reconciliation requested as keynote speaker.

New Business

- a.) Chani Beaman attended the Riverside HRC meeting and a proposal for an anti-hate curriculum in Riverside was discussed due to a rise in grade-schoolers being targeted by NSM leader Jeff Hall.
- b.) John Higley to call Mayor's office to assist in anti-hate efforts in Riverside Public Schools.
- c.) Motion made to honor Bob Gill and his efforts on the Council. Motion carried and a plaque will be presented at the Dialogue on Tolerance forum.

Roundtable Discussion

- a.) Maggie Hawkins was said to have reported that a Jurupa boy was attacked by a classmate and called a "f---ing faggot." Chani set to follow up.
- b.) Motion made to applaud the Obama Administration's new anti-hate legislation in writing. Motion carried and a request to coattail on the correspondence of the CA Association of Human Rights Organizations in support of anti-hate legislation.

Adjournment

- a.) Meeting adjourned 6:47pm