



Western Inland Empire Coalition Against Hate

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Board & Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, November 19, 2007 @ 5:45 PM
Riverside City Hall, 6th Floor Conference Room

Minutes of meeting – The meeting had a quorum of Board members and began at 5:50pm called by the Chair Bob Gill.

Board Members & members present - Bob Gill, Mike Kinsman, Celeste Shively, David St. Pierre, John Higley, Kenya Davis-Hayes of the Board were present. Guests present: Lt. Mike Perea, Chani Beeman and Linda Hale.

Chairperson's report - Bob Gill attended the Hemet HRC group meeting and represented WIECAH at his meeting. There were approximately 15 people there and they were very interested in being kept up to date with WIECAH events and asked to be on the distribution list for future events.

Treasurer's report – David St. Pierre was present and advised there were some outstanding checks that from September that we have received late notices on. He will put stop payments on those checks and make sure the accounts are brought current.

Correspondence - Items pertaining to previous entry were given to Treasurer David St. Pierre.

Old Business - Chani Beeman discussed the taping of the Hate Crimes Against the Homeless and asked that we table this until after the holidays and when Brian Levin was available in January. The Board agreed. She also suggested that we consider another topic for the next quarterly event. Mike Kinsman will email the presenters and find out which date will be good for them to get together in January.

John Higley discussed the Ontario UPS “Noose” incident. Mike Smith has been in contact with the Ontario DA's office and will keep on top of this.

Mike Kinsman advised that the new CPRC Director is not available to meet with WIECAH until the January Meeting.

New Business – February Quarterly Event – Bob Gill suggested that we use the theme of “Black History Month” for this event. Chani mentioned that we should contact Woodie Rucker-Hughes for ideas. Bob Gill said he would contact her. It was also mentioned that we could show “The Shadow of Hate” film and have an open discussion after the showing. We discussed where to hold the event and it was decided that the Palm Adult Education Building would be a good idea. Celeste will contact RUSD and see if it is available on Thursday, Feb 21st or Thursday Feb 28th.

The Board will preview this film on Thursday, December 13th and the PD building. Celeste will make arrangements for sandwiches and drinks.

Subcommittee reports – None

Roundtable discussion – David St. Pierre brought up the one year anniversary of the stabbing of “Joshua” on University Ave and said he has discussed it with PRD Area Commander Chuck Griffiths for some extra patrols for the long Thanksgiving weekend.

Mike Perea had copies of the article regarding the 2006 FBI reporting of hate crimes report. The booklet is available from the CA Attorney Generals’ office.

Chani and David will discuss PSA’s with Charter Communications, topics such as “What is a Hate Crime”, “Are you a victim?” “What do you do if you are a victim?”

Adjournment – The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 5:45 PM at the Riverside city Hall, 6th floor conference room.