

City of Pekin
Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2014

- I. Welcome and introductions – Meeting called to order at 7:30am. Present: Pamela Anderson, Telesia Crnkovich, Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Lynn Johnson, Dr. Mo Kahn, Michelle Moul, Gregg Ratliff, Becky Saban and Linda Seth. Also present Amy Psinas and Ron Maher

- II. Approval of agenda – The agenda was approved on a motion by Ratliff, second by Saban

- III. Approval of minutes (February) – The minutes were approved on a motion by Crnkovich, second by Ratliff.

- IV. Correspondence and feedback - none

- V. Old Business
 - A. Come Together proposed mural update – PCHS art teacher Amy Psinas brought the finished “Come Together” mural. It is painted on a 30” x 40” canvas. The committee would like to find places to display it, and also reproduce the artwork in various formats (t-shirts, clings, larger vinyl banners, etc.) Amy will check with PCHS administrators to see if we need some kind of release. While some of the students who were involved included their names in the artwork, we should just credit “the PCHS art students” when discussing the mural.

Lynn got a price from Allegra for a 36” x 60” vinyl banner (white with full color reproduction): \$83 for the first one, and \$73 for each additional. She also is working with the Sign Shop on another type of display.

The committee should present the painting at an April city council meeting. We could also make use of the painting during the April 25th Stand Against Racism.

 - B. HRC message / service organizations / possible outlines – nothing to report

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- C. Community read project – Melinda reported we are waiting for the results of our grant application. We should know in mid-April.
 - D. Update on All the Little Snow Angels – Michelle reported on her conversations with the author. She and Hallmark have found a total of 189 snow angel ornaments and books. We already have received 130 of them. The author would like to come to Pekin if we can work out the logistics. Linda has received positive feedback from District 108 principals and staff. She will come up with a total number of primary classrooms in Pekin, including the PCHS feeder schools, plus pre-schools and some Peoria schools. The committee discussed several activities centered on the snow angels that would involve the schools and the community. We should invite Melida Heien from Pekin Main Street to an upcoming meeting, as we discussed the potential to hold an activity around the Christmas on Court event.
- VI. New Business
- A. 2014 Goal prioritization – We did not have enough time to fully discuss this topic. Committee members received documentation of past prioritizations and highlighted a few that we are fulfilling. We agreed better communication with the public was needed and there was a great deal of interest in the food fair / diversity festival.
- VII. Other business to come before the committee - none
- A. Committee members
 - B. Committee advisory members
 - C. City staff
 - D. Public
 - E. Press
- IV. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:30am.