

City of Pekin  
Human Rights Committee  
July 23, 2014  
Minutes

- I. Welcome and introductions – Meeting called to order by Michelle Moul at 7:31am. Present: Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Roger Goodson, Lynn Johnson, Michelle Moul, Danielle Owens, Becky Saban and Linda Seth. Also present was Sharon Harris.
- II. Approval of minutes – On a motion by Saban, second by Owens, the minutes from the May and June meetings were approved as distributed.
- III. Correspondence and feedback – None
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Come Together Banner – It was displayed at the Splish Splash Family Fest and a photo of a participant, with the banner in the background, appeared in the Pekin Daily Times.
  - B. Diversity Festival Subcommittee Update – Moul reviewed the outline from the subcommittee’s meetings. They have done a tremendous amount of work and have several vendors and events in place. It will be held on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm, on Court Street between CJ’s Café and Capitol Street. We are still in need of additional vendors, sponsors, activities, and volunteers. .
  - C. All the Little Snow Angels – We have December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Speakeasy reserved for this event. That is part of the Pekin Main Street Christmas on Court event. The Hallmark author is available and wants to attend. Moul has investigated the cost of flights and is working on hotels. The plan is to have her arrive in the morning, spend the day in the schools, then attend the event at the Speakeasy that evening.
  - D. Come Together Sign – Lynn is still working with Chuck at the Sign Shop to finish the Come Together sign.

V. New Business

A. Night Out Against Crime – We should be involved in this event with our own booth. It is on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We could give out stickers, bookmarks, and or tattoos. We could also ask people to “sign a pledge.” Owens and Goodson will work on that idea. The YWCA and the Pekin Public Library will be doing an art project tied to the Community Reads event..

VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members – We need to follow up with city staff on our budget, or what funds are available to the committee.

B. Committee advisory members - none

C. City staff - none

D. Public - none

E. Press – Sharon Harris asked some follow-up questions related to the need for vendors, volunteers and sponsors at the Diversity Festival.

IV. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:019