



The Alliance

Date: May 4, 2010

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Faith CRC Church

President: Marvin Younger

Present: Marvin Younger, Angela Taylor-Perry, Jack Hyde, Jauanna Jackson, Norma Luna, Pat Bradfield, Bin Lim

Absent: Francisco Panuco, Yessenia Aguirre, Victor Orozco, Lucia Rios,

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Marvin Younger at 5:45 p.m. at Faith CRC. Marvin greeted new member Pat Bradfield.

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the March and April 2010 ACEH Board meetings were reviewed, corrections were noted and approval was granted.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report revealed a balance of \$2477.30. There are three new members and we received a generous donation of \$200.00 from Marcia DeWilde. A thank you note will be sent.

- Funds in the Gary Pepe Memorial Fund have been requested to come under our treasury. The request is being processed.

- Progress in achieving tax-exempt nonprofit status – we need to have three consecutive years of detailed financial records available. By this time in 2011 we will have achieved those criteria.

- Chaplain Bill Freeman of the Interfaith Church sent proceeds from a special collection on our behalf. A note of thanks will be sent.

- A reminder was made that October is renewal of dues month for all members.

4. Actions

a. It was moved, seconded and unanimously passed that the Alliance support the Holland is Ready Committee in their efforts to secure equal opportunity, recognition and respect for gays and lesbians in the Holland area and elsewhere.

b. The Board discussed and decided to initiate an invitation to families and mentors involved with the Migrant Mentoring Program to our annual potluck picnic at Ransom Park on August 8.

5. Reviews, planning and informational items

a. The April Alliance meeting held at Faith CRC, with the program by Angela Taylor-Perry on the Hearts in Harmony initiative. As a result of the meeting there is an increased participation in Hearts in Harmony.

b. Marvin distributed information on possible digital projector and public address systems that we might consider when funds become available.

- c. The June 11 general membership meeting is planned to feature a presentation on living a Muslim life in western Michigan. If that cannot be confirmed by May 11, an alternative plan was discussed.
- d. After discussion regarding lack of availability, the Board was unable to commit to participating in the Juneteenth celebration at Kollen Park.
- e. ACEH Brochures – Pat Bradfield will print 500 new ones.
- f. The Board discussed participating in one of the annual anti-gang parties.
- g. Schedule change: July 9 program will hopefully be the Holland City Council's Human Relations Commission and held at the Smile exhibit at the Holland Museum. The November 12 meeting will feature Bill Cohen (Hope College Prof. Emeritus of History) to discuss "History, Through the Eye's of Whom?"
- h. Robin Afrik is attempting to organize a community forum involving Americorp, the Alliance and the Holland Human Relations Commission.
- i. Our October meeting will be Annie Olson and possibly another presenter, Mike Peters to speak about the current state of Native Americans in Michigan.
- j. Jauanna Jackson has agreed to present a program on Negro Spirituals.

6. Upcoming events:

- Annual Conference on Racism – May 20 at Hope College
- Blowout Productions is sponsoring and directing a program of Multicultural interest at Westshore Mall on May 8 .
- The community is invited to a Cinco De Mayo celebration at Westshore Mall. The event is taking place 1 to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 8.
 - Southshore Multicultural Festival May 22 on 17th near Margarita's Restaurant . This event is presented in collaboration with ACEH.
 - Currently running at the Holland Museum: Photography Exhibit, "Smile"

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Hyde, secretary