

**Duluth Human Rights Commission Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 2012**

Commissioners present: Cynthia Strange, Bob Kaner, Cruz Mendoza, Rebecca Domagala, Scot Bol, Scott Yeazole, Michele Naar-Obed, Sheryl Boman-Schneider
Not present: Em Westerlund, Margie Nelson, Allegra Henderson

Scott Yeazole called to meeting to order at 5:08.

1. Minutes

Corrections to the February meeting are: Henry Banks submitted OAP agenda. He did not present it. Cruz Mendoza asked to wait a month before we vote so OAP could present their agenda. *A motion was made by Cruz Mendoza to approved minutes with above corrections. Motion seconded by Rebecca Domagala. Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Business

A. Scott said we should have three to four new members at our next monthly meeting. He thought it would be good for Gunnar Johnson, Duluth City Attorney, to welcome them and talk about what we are able to do as a commission.

The Commission talked about the need to look for resources for the Commission. Bob Kaner talked about the need for the Commission to bring our findings to the media. Michele Naar-Obed brought up the need to focus on where we are going to put our energy. Scot Bol discussed need to post stuff on website and face book page.

Sheryl Boman-Schneider brought a letter written by Jane Gilley and herself for the Duluth News Tribune discussing reverse racism. She asked for approval from the Commission to submit.

Scot Bol made a motion to approve letter. Rebecca Domagala and Michele Naar-Obed seconded. Sheryl will send out letter to all commissioners and ask for feedback by next Wednesday before she submits it.

As part of our role on the Unfair Campaign, Sheryl brought up doing a series of four sessions on white privilege. She will send out a letter with outline to Commission members.

B. Commissioners had a discussion about rules on whether Commissioners can be on more than one commission. We had discussed having one of our members on the American Indian Commission and one of their members on our commission. We will have to check to see what the rules are. We talked about possibly having a liaison if we can't be on more than one commission.

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Upcoming Events

There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Peace Church to debrief about the Unfair Campaign and the white supremacy rally.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sheryl Boman-Schneider
Co-secretary**

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