

Crystal Human Rights Commission

Meeting notes for November

7:00 PM

Crystal City Hall

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. Members present , Elisa Oliva Chair, Meredith Torres-Walsh Co-Chair, Sandi Schraut Secretary, Carolyn Maristany, and Anjaleck Flowers, Crystal Johnson, and Sandra Harb, Janell Felker lastly, Stephanie Revering was here as Police Liason, and Laura Libby as City Council Representative.
- III. Committees are being formed:
 - Communication committee being Sandra, Janell, and Crystal
 - Education Committee Anjie and Carolyn
- IV. .*Old Business: Commission members were given copies of Universal Declaration of Human Rights Booklet about 40 more copies were put into the City Library for public use.
 - *Media, The Sun-Post interview was discussed as to who would be interviewed, It seems as if Sun-Post wanted to speak to Commission's newest members, If other members of the commission are to be mentioned it would have to be with their permission.
 - *A letter is being considered as a way to gain publicity for HRC with hopes it will be published. It is hoped that past achievements of the commission would be mentioned, It will contain information on the Commission its' function and its goals. This letter is hoped to generate public interest in the Commission. A motion was passed and seconded for approval for such a letter.
 - *Kim Therres will be asked to send out a list of current Commission Members with email and phone numbers.
 - *In a previous meeting Oliva had suggested we work in conjunction with area schools. Carolyn had some discussions with the school . In regards to 'bullying' and reporting of same, She discovered, that students did not want to be identified as the 'snitch'. We discussed having a box put in a school to offer students a way to give credit to students who were examples of

acceptance of others as a positive way to reinforce good behaviors and attitudes. Janell Felker suggested an organization called “We care about kids” which she once used to give positive reinforcement. Website has a wealth of information. <http://wecareaboutkids.org/helping-kids.htm>
Contact Carolyn and Janell with questions on how to help. The commission passed a motion to let Cooper High School know that it supports a positive reporting box.

- V. New Business: Elections for Chair, Co-chair and Secretary will voted on in January meeting
- VI. Motion was made by Crystal Johnson that HRC put in writing that a member gets permission from HRC to meet with any group prior to the event to allow for discussion and exchange of ideas, Meredith seconded it.
- VII. Motion made to adjourn meeting this was seconded.