

**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

October 4, 2022

PRESENT: Soljourna Atwater Diana Gore Nancy Moldenhauer
Dennis Carroll Melody Haynes Mary Ellen Quinn
Bunny Dimke Judy Lange Tyra Robinson Walker

ABSENT: Albertine Allen Marty Corley

OTHERS

PRESENT: ALCO Larry Arness Ta-Tanesha George
Don Przybylinski

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Nancy Moldenhauer

ROLL CALL: Roll call was conducted. Attendance recorded above. A Quorum was present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes for September 6, 2022, was entered by Judy Lange and properly seconded by Melody Haynes. Motion carried. Vote 9-0.

FINANCE REPORT: Bunny Dimke presented the balance of the Commission fund for the month ending September 30, 2022, as \$1,336.83. There was no activity for the month of September. She also pointed out that only one of the scholarship winner awards' remained pending.

A motion to approve the Finance report for October 2022 was entered by Mary Ellen Quinn and properly seconded by Judy Lange. Motion carried. Vote 9-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Ms. George updated the Commission on the progress of the Indiana Consortium Conference. It will be held at the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana, November 1, 2022 through November 4, 2022. She gave the cost of attendance for members, non-members, single day participation and banquet attendance.

It was asked if the cost of commissioner attendance could be covered by monies from the Human Rights Department budget. She told the Commission that she would check to see if this were permissible. She added that the keynote speaker for the event is Ms. Illyasah Shabazz, daughter of Dr. Betty Shabazz and Malcolm X.

STAFF ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Arness explained that according to the by-laws, elections need to be held in December. A nominating committee was formed to create a slate of interested commissioners. Diana Gore, Soljourna Atwater and Pastor Carroll agreed to serve on the nominating committee.

STAFF ATTORNEY’S REPORT: *Continued*

He added that the committee would submit a report to the full Commission at the November meeting. Attorney Arness reminded the group of the positions to be filled as follows:

Chair	Vice Chair	Treasurer	Executive Committee Members (2)	Social Status on African American Males Representative
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: The candidate(s) selected by the committee turned down the offer of employment. After some discussion among the Commission, it was decided the position would be reposted.

Development/Fundraising Committee: There was no report, but it was discussed that a minimum of \$200.00 a month would need to be raised to continue providing the scholarship awards going into 2023.

Education Committee: No Report.

Community Engagement Committee: Bunny Dimke reported that the Pre-K Wagon project is moving forward. The wagon was assembled by Mr. Dimke with some upgrades such as seats and real high-quality tires. The wagon will be physically located at Knapp Elementary.

The project came in under budget at \$574.00 (the budgeted amount was \$784.26). She ended the report by adding that a small ceremony to welcome the wagon is begin discussed. The prospective dates are October 11, 2022 or October 13, 2022. Once a date is decided on, she will let everyone know.

Tyra Robinson Walker informed the group that Laura Odom, the person at Purdue Northwest who was responsible for organizing the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. community celebration, has been transferred to another position/location. This has caused a vacuum in the event planning. She presented the possibility of the Commission stepping in to do something so that the day doesn’t go uncelebrated.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: No report.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT: There were no commissioner comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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ADJOURN:

The meeting concluded at 4:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

November 1, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – City Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Ta-Tanesha George, Interim Executive Director