

**Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force**  
**Civic Center, Lower Level, Room B-8**  
**March 3, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**I. Roll Call:** Black, Breverman, Chancellor, Provencher, Urashima  
Absent: Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye  
Late: none  
Staff Liaison: Elaine Kuhnke  
HBPD: Detective Gary Kim  
OCHRC: none

**II. Welcoming Remarks:**

Provencher greeted all present and mentioned that this has been a busy month with the different HB Reads events and all the book discussions.

**III. Public Comment:**

Ralph Bauer spoke offering a challenge to the group to assist in the planning of Diversity Month in June 2009 as part of the city's Centennial celebration. Current plans include a film series at the Art Center, as well as a panel discussion, to be coordinated by Rusty Kennedy of the OC Human Relations Commission.

**IV. Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2009**

*Moved: Black; Second: Chancellor: To accept February 2009 minutes with the change as noted regarding Urashima's name being listed twice under roll call.*

*Approved: 5; No: 0, Absent: 3 (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye); Abstain: 1 (Urashima)*

**V. Special Presentations:** None

**VI. Status Reports:**

**1. Report of HRTF Account Balance and Master Calendar Review**

Kuhnke reported the following balances:

Task Force Balance	\$2,453.80
HB Reads	<u>\$4,611.82</u>
	\$7,065,62

**2. Report of February 2009 Hate Crimes/Incidents**

Detective Kim reported that there were no new hate crimes to report for February 2009. Urashima requested that an update be provided regarding the Damian Lane incident in January. It was also reported that two members of the District Attorney's Office would be present at the April meeting.

**3. Report of Orange County Human Relations News/Activities**

No report.

**VII. Updates, Planning and Possible Actions pertaining to the following events/programs:**

**1. Report of HRTF Student Representative Programs**

The District-Wide dialogue is scheduled for March 20 at the Library with four high schools scheduled to attend. Chancellor met with Newall Williams of Westminster High school to encourage their attendance at the dialogue event. FVHS is working on their annual Day of Dialogue while Edison is focusing on Rachel's Challenge Day.

## **2. Report of OC Human Relations Bridges Programs.**

Kuhnke distributed a written report for February on behalf of Don Han who was unable to attend the meeting. The report focused on two student initiatives, including the Diversity Mural Project and the Parent Leadership Institute (PLI) program. Students involved in the Diversity Mural Project are currently researching possible themes and getting estimates of the cost of materials. The PLI liaisons successfully arranged for two presentations for the participating parents, including an ROP program and how to access the Student/Parent On-line Portal.

## **3. Federal Diversity Months**

Black reported that she met with Stephanie Beverage, the City's new Library Director to discuss ways in which to highlight diversity months at the Library. It was reported that the Library already has a monthly display but that the TF could possibly add to this. The Library may also be able to assist in buying books through a grant program through the National Endowment for the Arts. Also, one of the city's reference librarians, Mary Wilson, was suggested to be a good resource for possible books supporting the months.

## **4. Making Victims Whole Program**

Kuhnke reported that one volunteer form was received the past month from someone interested in helping paint out graffiti.

## **5. Report of HB Reads One Book Event plans & fundraising**

Provencher reported that the Adventure Quest dog sled event at Bella Terra on February 25, 2009 proved to be a great success with 60 – 80 people in attendance. He also reported that author George Guthridge arrived from Dillingham, Alaska the day before and that Merle Apssingok was scheduled to arrive the following evening. Provencher encouraged all TF members to attend the March 5 event and extended an invitation for all those interested to join him for breakfast with author George Guthridge.

## **VIII. New Business:**

1. **Nomination for Orange County Human Relations Program** – Black announced that she prepared and submitted the nomination of Roxanna Jimenez and Kimberly McGlauglin for their work with the PLI.

2. **Officer Election** –Chancellor reported that the Nominating Committee (Black, Inouye, Chancellor) sought out possible officer nominations by way of email and also contacted individuals personally. Nominations were received for the Chair and Vice Chair positions; however, no name could be obtained for the position of secretary. It was suggested that the election of the position of Secretary be postponed for up to 90 days as provided for in the by-laws of the TF.

*Jackle made the following motion: To postpone the election of a secretary up to 90 days.  
Second: Chancellor; Approved: 6; No: 0, Absent: 3 (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye)*

The Committee further nominated Fred Provencher for the position of Chair and Mary Urashima for the position of Vice Chair. It was discussed that the Chair would be terminating his office at the end of December 2009 due to completion of his second full term.

*Moved: Jackle; Second: Black; To approve the nomination of Fred Provencher as Chair and Mary Urashima as Vice Chair: Approved: 6-0; Absent: (Bloom, Goldenberg, Inouye)*

## **IX. Task Force Member Comments – Not Agendized**

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.