



Commissioners Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeraldine Brown, Joe Hassert, Patricia Keenan, Sidney Logwood, Hugh Muldoon, Sherry Ratcliffe

Commissioners Excused: Candle Wester-Mittan

Commissioners Absent: Sam Thomas

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Todd Sigler, Dianna Brawley Sussman

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Muldoon who welcomed attendees.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Keenan and seconded by Commissioner Hassert to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Saturday, March 31, 2012 – Opening Ceremony of the Carbondale Public Safety Center.
Suggestion to hold June HRC meeting in the Public Safety Center’s training room.
Meeting to include discussion on keeping an open dialog with the Police Department and understanding the policies under which they are operate.

Carbondale Public Library – Offering: “Open Help” on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-5:00 pm for computer issues (businesses can come for computer training); Quicken software program training; monthly movies the last Saturday of the month – next movie is “To Hell and Back” on the effects of war; book sale April 14, 15, 16; children’s program for the summer, including organic gardening scheduled for Saturday, May 27.

Scott Alexander’s presentation, sponsored by the Intercultural Dialogue Student Association, was powerful. He spoke on clarifying the “Lesser Jihad” and the “Greater Jihad.”

April 2, 2012 – Open Mic Poetry, Global Gourmet, 9:00 p.m.

April 16, 2012 – Earth Day Poetry hosted by Treesong at the Global Gourmet

April 19, 2012 – SIUC Dept. of Speech Communication – Social Media and the Noise that Affects our Life

April 2, 2012

May 3, 2012 – Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association Conference – Danville, Illinois

Public Comments

None

Study Circles Report

The Housing and Neighborhood Action group renamed themselves the Neighborhood Action Group at their March 7, 2012, meeting. The group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2012. The northwest neighborhood group is in the process of organizing. Mary O'Hara will make a report on the Vision 2020 meeting held at John A Logan College.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report

Meets the third Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19. Book groups continue to meet to discuss the 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life. Bill Sasso, Unitarian Church, spoke April 1 on Behind the Mask, focusing on compassion and mask making. He is encouraging mask making and hopes to involve different religious groups to reflect compassion from their particular perspectives and views through the masks they create. Chair Muldoon commented that compassion is something you do rather than something you feel.

Other Reports

None

Presentation: Dianna Brawley Sussman reported on the events and activities scheduled thus far for the *11 Days of Compassion* that will occur during the month of May. The goal is for Carbondale to become a compassionate city in name and in fact. Some of the events and activities scheduled include: mask exhibit at Library depicting the faces of compassion, compassion signage at local businesses, and ads containing the schedule of events and activities. A film was shown on the Charter of Compassion and part of a presentation of Karen Armstrong calling for the Charter of Compassion during a TED Talk. Those wishing to have other events and activities included in the *11 Days of Compassion* calendar should submit information by April 13 to Dianna Sussman.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2012

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Deborah McCoy