



Commissioners Present: Daphne Grigsby, Hugh Muldoon, Candle Wester-Mittan

Commissioners Excused: Jeraldine Brown

Commissioners Absent: Erin Dickson, Sidney Logwood

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jenn Freitag, Nancy Keenan, Sarah Miranti, Carbondale Police Chief Jody' OGuinn, Director of SIUC Department of Public Safety, Shannon Toth,

Staff Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Hugh Muldoon, at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was not present.

Minutes

Without a quorum, minutes from the June 6, 2011 meeting could not be accepted.

Announcements

- Women's Center Community Forum on August 3, Carbondale Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Death of Richard Hayes
- Sherry Ratcliffe, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director will join the Commission

Public Comments

None

Study Circles Report

Coordinator Heyer

Non-Violent Communication Progress Report

Chair Muldoon reported that up to 13 people have participated in the Nonviolent Communication Book/Practice Group that meets at the Newman Center on Mondays when the HRC is not meeting.

Other Reports

Chief Jody O'Guinn presented the 2010 City of Carbondale Police Department Professional Standards Report which included information on commendations, informal complaints, formal complaints and bias-based enforcement complaints. Complaints were categorized by rudeness/standard of conduct, improper investigation, improper use of force, harassment, negligence and criminal. The report will be formally received at the next Human Relations Commission meeting.

Presentation

The guest speaker was Jenn Freitag, Women's Center prevention Educator and SIUC doctoral student. The presentation focused on gender issues and gender violence, creating a dialogue, prevalence, services and prevention. Information packets were distributed. Interesting information was presented including: 1 out of 3 women raped, abused or beaten in their lifetime – a worldwide statistic – not usually discussed by victims; 1 of 4 experience domestic violence, 1 of 6 are sexually assaulted and on campus 1 of 4. Local services are usually directed at sexual assault, partner violence, stalking and child sexual abuse. Those acts of violence become normalized in culture. People rarely intervene when it happens in public. Some reasons for not reporting include: 1) knowing the perpetrator, 2) culture of shame – especially for men or transgender individuals, 3) fear of not being believed by the police, family or friends, 4) not realizing the incident was an assault, 4) fear of group discrimination – based on race, gender, etc., 5) fear that the perpetrator may not be prosecuted.

The Women's Center provides counseling, legal and medical advocacy, on-call sexual assault workers, prevention, shelter, kids program, sexual assault and domestic violence assistance. Reports are low in some ways due to the lack of accessibility and access to resources. Non-violent communication is helpful in prevention. Starting a dialogue is important. The August 3 meeting will focus on media literacy – how can we stop the negative media messages from hurting children, communication and the importance of sexual understanding and consent, and the loss of acknowledgment of issues. Society does not believe it is as big of a problem anymore.

Next Meeting - Monday, August 1, 2011, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting ended.