

Human Relations Council  
May 17, 2006  
Minutes

Present: Mario Perez, Anna May Miller, John Jung Jr., Susan Stelford, Walter Liedtke and Virginia Peschke

Absent: Kathleen Seith, Holly Eddy, Don Riggerbach, Efren Ovalle and Lou Ness

Guests: Leo Jean, Glynn Wallsor, Arabella Anderson, The Budreck Family, Cheryl Sortch, Eileen Wolf, The Wilson Family, The Kielbasa Family (Julie and Katie), Werner Ellmann and Harold Rail

**The Minutes of February 15, 2006** were approved unanimously on Motion by Anna May, Second by John.

Winners of the “Day in the Life of King Tut” were presented with their certificates and tickets to the King Tut exhibit. Pictures of the winners were taken with Council Members. Winners were: Michelle Wilson, Arabella Anderson , Allison Budreck and Katie Kielbasa.

The original diversity video produced by Harold Rail was shown to the Council. It was produced in 1997 and sent to the local elementary schools for use in 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The Council is considering funding a follow-up video, perhaps aimed at High Schoolers and with a renewed promotion of the original video. Sue enjoyed the use of artwork in the original video.

Harold and Werner presented an idea for an historical video based on the life of Latinos in Kane and McHenry County. They are also interested in doing a bullying video. The name of their not-for-profit company is “Principled Minds” and has received the support of several well-known persons. The projected cost of the Latino history video would be between \$100-150K and take approximately two years to produce. The Historical Society had attempted to find written records with little success. Mario recounted several facts about the history of the Latino migration to the County brought about by the railroad, the Amnesty Law in the 80’s and Clubs catering to Migrant groups. Harold and Werner are looking for support for the video.

**Old Business:** The cost of reproducing the tape and video was \$19.00. Mario will be reimbursed from the Council’s budget when Ralph comes back from vacation. The introduction of newer schools might require more copies to be made and sent to the schools to remind them of the video’s existence.

**New Business:** The Council would like to produce a video aimed at High Schools. At this time, 30% of the population is comprised of minorities. Perhaps the video could be made a part of Freshman Orientation. We will approach Gene Goeglein with the idea.

An art show at Garden Quarter will be sponsored by the HRC.

We are still looking for a theme for our August meeting.

The HRC is required to provide an annual report to the County Board. Issues to be reported on include: our new brochures, the videos and the books sent to MCC.

John reported that he had not heard anything from the Fraternite of Notre Dame regarding their problems with neighbors. As far as we know, no further vandalism has occurred.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. on Motion by Anna May, Second by Virginia. All ayes.

**NEXT MEETING: 6 P.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006 IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**