

Committee on Community Diversity

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

5:00 p.m.

Municipal Government Complex – Administrative Conference Room

**1. Call to Order**

Committee Members Present: Chairman Terry Wright, Vice-Chairman Larry Hamilton, Fred Enderle, Judy Terry, Gordon Wise, Karen Schultz.

Absent: Helen Cuff, Barbara Miller

Chairman Terry Wright called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- Welcomed guest, Roger Hartly from Piqua's Historic Society

**2. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2011 meeting**

- In reviewing the minutes, Mr. Hamilton noted a discrepancy in a statement attributed to him. Regarding the line in item #3 under New Business which reads: "As an example of his vision for the monument, he referred to the Battle Creek, Michigan, Monument Park which includes a 12 foot monument of Sojourner Truth funded in part by the Kellogg foundation, which was over \$750,000." Mr. Hamilton stated he did not recall stating a dollar amount and did not know where this figure came from. The committee unanimously agreed to strike out the part of the statement in question: "...which was over \$750,000."
- Ms. Terry moved the minutes be approved with the changes. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. New Business**

- a. Mr. Wise made a motion to move the committee's meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning in May 2011. The meeting time will remain the same. The next meeting date will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Terry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. The committee proceeded with a review of Exhibit "A", Consolidated Ideas List Diversity Committee Work Program dated September 25, 2009.
  - Mr. Wise noted his observation that item #5 on the List appeared to express diversity through the naming [or renaming] of streets and facilities.

- The committee noted that item #10 has been met through the recent honoring of Helen Gillmore.
- Mr. Wright proposed a way to promote the community's awareness of Piqua's heritage and diversity [i.e. Johnson Farm, Rossville Slaves, churches] could be enhanced through monthly programming.
- Mr. Enderle posed the question for consideration whether or not this programming could be an avenue for the committee to address its position on bullying. A discussion ensued on utilizing resources such as Jim Oda & Guy Fogle from TV 5.
- Mr. Hamilton approached the committee in serving as a supportive role for his endeavors to approach other organizations with the RIGHT & Freedom Struggle projects. In review of the Idea List, it was noted by Ms. Terry that this effort could be a subgroup to satisfy items #4 & #9.
- Ms. Terry inquired on Mr. Hamilton's progress on the football fundraiser for the statuary project. He stated he is currently active in giving several presentations this month to promote the idea. His goal is to create awareness to find organizations who feel this project fits with their mission and embrace it.

#### **4. Old Business**

- a. The committee continued its discussion on the topic of bullying.
  - Mr. Wise posed the challenge whether or not bullying falls in the mission of this committee. The committee reviewed the charge and agreed that bullying is a diversity issue as stated in item #1 of the mission statement.
  - In the course of discussion, it was suggested by Mr. Enderle that this topic needs some research to define the following: Is bullying a problem? What are others doing about it? How can this committee fit in? Ms. Schultz will present a proposal letter at the next meeting to engage others from the community in this dialogue.

#### **5. Other Business**

#### **6. Adjournment**

Ms. Terry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Enderle seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Schultz, Committee Member