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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 10th | 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
3760 S Highland Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84106 | Google Meet

Approved

Members: Angela Choberka, Michael Nixon, Tamara Stevenson, Jasmine Walton, Rachel Weaver, Rizvan Gurmu

Absent: Ofa Matagi, Taylor Hartman, Rachel Weaver

Guests: Donna Law, Eddy Thompson, Kat Potter, Nubia Peña, Claudia Loayza, Maegan Castleton, Jenny Hor

Welcome – Dr. Stevenson, *Active Chair*

11:00 - 11:05

Review and Approval of March 6th 2024 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Guests

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Angela Choberka moved to approve the meeting minutes. Jasmine Walton seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote 5-0-3

Yeas – 5

Nays – 0

Absent – 3

Angela Choberka
Michael Nixon
Tamara Stevenson
Jasmine Walton
Rizvan Gurmu

Ofa Matagi,
Taylor Hartman
Rachel Weaver

MLK Philosophy - *Discussion*

11:05 - 11:20

- A group discussion around the last speech MLK Jr. gave. The commission discussed the context around the speech, and what it means to build hope and dignity. The metaphors tied together complex emotions and while there is still work to be done, the commission acknowledges the changes that have been made in our society by others. How do we practice building hope with ourselves, and keep our purpose moving forward.

Restricted Funding Vote - *Discussion*

11:20 - 11:30

- The restricted account will close June 30th, 2024 anything remaining will be added to MCA's line item. Ultimately, we want to use funds for what was statued for 501-C3's supporting programs, scholarships, internships, or training. Several ideas were expressed and Angela Choberka will coordinate with the MCA's team to determine a plan and timeline for the restricted funds. Micheal Nixon motioned to approve, Jasmine Walton seconded and the motion passed.

MLK Recruitment - *Discussion*

11:30 - 11:45

- There are open positions on the MLK commission. Based on changes during the legislative session Boards and Commissions may be reduced from a 13 seat commission to a 9 seat commission. This will limited the amount

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of open positions that will need to be filled. Flyers and marketing materials will be made available to help recruit applications. Maegan Castleton will share what positions are open, whose terms are ending, and who's second terms will need to start as well as sharing the current applications available.

MLK Retreat - Discussion

11:45 - 11:55

- There are two main points of interest discussed during this conversation. The Utah Shakespearean Festival will have a play that's about one of MLK Jr.'s speeches, "The Mountaintop". This will be held later in the year and Donna Law has personal connections with southern Utah and can help support with what the commission decides. For the retreat itself the commission is interested in hosting Adriane Andrews for one of her facilitated trainings. Maegan Castleton will follow up with a doodle poll of available dates to dedicate to the retreat.

Multicultural Affairs Updates - MCA team

11:55 - 12:15

- Magnify Utah was announced at the One Utah Summit. This is a learning and resource hub that connects community, places and stories across Utah. We recently held the Ogden Mural Unveiling for youth who are system-involved to show community partners the mural that the youth created together. This program has momentum to continue and several commission members expressed interest in helping with mentorship for the next iteration. The Men of Hope program has begun at the Juvenile Justice Youth Services, this will be a several week mentoring program that teaches healthy communication, leadership, and civic engagement. We also met with Roots Charter School, which is a school that combines education with practical application like agriculture, animal husbandry, and horticulture.

Additional Business

12:15 - 12:30

- Blog with commissioner quotes has been added to the Magnify Utah website.
- There are plans towards a Hope Symposium in June.

Adjourn

MOTION: Micheal Nixon moved to adjourn the meeting. Jasmine Walton seconded the motion.

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