

Minutes - September 11, 2014 Board Meeting
Race Relations and Diversity Task Force

Present: Carletta Griffin, Dwight Levins, Marcia Wilkinson, Jerry Black, Sherri Schiff, Deb Macon, Jim Suhay, SEED Project representatives, Matt Berg

Meeting called to order at 9:00AM.

Dwight Levins gave a report on the 1st Friday meeting he attended. This meeting talked about the need for more direct contact between police and citizens including more beat cops and informal contact.

The SEED project made a presentation to the Board. The project had representatives from Cranbrook and Roper Schools. SEED is described on <http://www.nationalseedproject.org/> as:

The National SEED Project on Inclusive Curriculum engages teachers, college faculty, parents, and community leaders from all subjects, grades, and geographic locations to create gender fair, multiculturally equitable, socioeconomically aware, and globally informed education.

SEED seminars put participants at the center of their own professional development. SEED assists them in valuing their own voices so they can, in turn, better value the rich diversity of their students' and children's voices.

The task force discussed the logistics of sponsoring a SEED project and agreed to discuss the idea further at the next Task Force meeting.

Marcia Wilkinson made a motion to move forward with the SEED project. Dwight Levins seconded. Motion passed.

The Board further discussed the current logo and the need for enhanced marketing including the website.

Regular collection of information on interested people into a database was discussed along with the possibility of an annual fund drive.

The critical action items from the strategic plan were discussed.

A motion to change the board structure to one Vice President was made by Dwight Levins and seconded by Marcia Wilkinson. Motion passed.

The board agreed to discuss marketing and the 2015 budget at the November meeting.

Sherri discussed the November 9 presentation by Dr. Warren Baker. We anticipate about 60 people and should have cookies and coffee available.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 9, 2014 at 9:00AM.

Meeting adjourned 10:15.