

SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY TASK FORCE

May 20, 2013 – 4:30 p.m.

Public Safety Center, 330 W. Scott

PRESENT: Lola Butcher, Randall Doennig, Rev. Steve Gardner, Dick Hardy, Dr. Ginger Holczer, Jeff Houghton, Cindy Lear, Rick McLain, Lynn Meyerkord, Rev. Michael Overton, Pam Sailors, Robert Saylor, Sarah Smith, David Trippe, Gary Whitaker
Angela Filbeck – Alternate
Kelly Johnson – MCHRCR Chairman

CITY STAFF LIAISONS: Sharon Smith – City Manager’s Office

ABSENT: Judge Miles Sweeney - Chairman

Rev. Michael Overton chaired the meeting since Judge Sweeney was unable to attend. The 4/22/13 minutes were reviewed approved as printed.

Rev. Overton said since Judge Sweeney is absent, he requests that each sub-committee provide an update or report and allow time for questions and comments, but wishes to hold off any discussions of what the Task Force’s action will be until next meeting when Judge Sweeney returns.

Employment Sub-Committee update by Gary Whitaker – reviewed survey the sub-committee created and distributed to various City businesses. Gary stated a link to the survey will be sent out to the Task Force.

Dan Wichmer provided an overview of the initiative petition process and how it works.

Faith Sub-Committee update by Rev. Overton – stated survey was submitted to the Church/Faith community. The sub-committee will meet immediately after this task force meeting to determine a time to meet to review surveys and prepare report.

Health/Transgender Sub-Committee by David Trippe – stated part of the survey is being coordinated by PROMO. Stephanie Perkins, Deputy Director of PROMO said the survey results link will be forwarded to Sharon Smith for distribution.

Public Accommodations by Dick Hardy – the sub-committee used a 3-step process: Interview with random businesses, held forum, and submitted online survey to gather information from those in the LGBT community that have experienced discrimination.

Next meeting scheduled for June 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.