

**MEETING OF THE MONROE COUNTY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Call to Order
 - a. A Quorum was present.
 - b. Members present were: Kathleen Sideli, Byron Bangert, Darcie Fawcett, Doris Parlette and Sharon Ackerman. Staff present: Margie Rice, County Attorney.
2. A discussion was held on the meeting held on March 22, 2017. The unofficial minutes of that meeting, prepared by Kathleen Sideli, were reviewed.
3. Old Business
 - a. Byron Bangert gave an update on the City of Bloomington Human Rights Commission's Fair Labor Initiative. He explained that postcards were sent out to restaurants that participated in the City's initiative. Out of about 40 postcards sent, approximately three restaurants responded. They were a bit disappointed about not having a higher level of involvement. There was a high intensity level, but may not be getting the pay-off they desired. The City's Commission was exploring if the territory was fertile enough to continue recruitment, but the verdict was not in yet.
 - b. The Department of Labor's investigation and the articles written by the Herald Times newspaper about the investigation were discussed. The fact that a couple of restaurants that were involved in the City's Fair Labor Initiative were investigated was not deemed a problem. The violations listed for Malibu and Deangelo's were fairly minor, were corrected and were seen as learning opportunities.
4. New Business
 - a. The upcoming jail tour was discussed and it was agreed to meet in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office at the date and time of the next regular meeting.
 - b. The fact that the Center for Behavioral Health and the Sheriff were partnering to develop a program that would take over physical space in the Jail that was previously occupied by New Leaf New Life's program was brought up for discussion. New Leaf New Life was trying to create a different culture, with peer-group identity, but the participants would now be dispersed throughout the Jail, and the impact of that was briefly discussed. Peer support was considered to be important, but focusing on addictions may have to take a higher priority.
 - c. Doris mentioned the Indiana Abolition Coalition and some of their efforts, which was followed by a brief discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.