

MINUTES OF MURRAY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
January 14, 2013
5:00 P.M.

The Murray Human Rights Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 5 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers of City Hall with Mr. Jody Cofer presiding.

Members Present: Chair Jody Cofer, Dr. Brian Clardy, Linda Cherry, Connie Payne, Dr. Peggy Munke, and Jane Shoemaker.

Members Absent: Dr. Jim Frank and Tung Dinh

Staff Present: Mayor Bill Wells, Matt Mattingly, and June Batts

Others in Attendance: Dr. Alan Beane, Bully Free Systems; Hawkins Teague, Murray Ledger and Times; and Meghann Anderson, The Murray State News

Jody Cofer welcomed members, introductions were made, and the meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Cofer presented Commission Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2012, for approval. Dr. Clardy moved; Ms. Cherry seconded to accept the minutes as presented. With no discussion, Mr. Cofer called for a voice vote in which all Commission members present were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cofer presented old business regarding the Bully Free Resolution, drafted by Dr. Beane, to be adopted by the Commission for presentation to City Council on January 24, 2013. The Commission will request approval of the resolution by the City Council at that time.

Mr. Cofer recognized Dr. Alan Beane, Bully Free Systems. Dr. Beane stated that he had reviewed the revised resolution and believed the resolution was as strong as it could be. He expressed his appreciation of the Commission's interest in the Bully Free Program and said he hoped the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights would be notified and that more cities across the state would follow the example set by the Murray Commission. Dr. Beane stated that he and his wife would provide the Bully Free Program Kit, valued at \$1000 each, to every school in the City and Calloway County at no cost. Also Dr. Beane offered to donate training tools on DVD to the City of Murray's Bully Free Campaign. He suggested local channels could air the training tools to educate the community.

Mr. Cofer thanked Dr. Beane for the donation.

Ms. Cherry commented that she had seen the Bully Free posters in a local Office Depot and asked about the affiliation with Bully Free Systems.

Dr. Beane stated that Office Depot provided printing services and that products such as posters, stickers, and bracelets, as well as free brochures were available through the Bully Free website.

Mr. Cofer stated that the Commission's vision was to adopt the resolution and take it before the Murray City Council on January 24, 2013, to kick off the Bully Free Community Education

Campaign. The February 11, 2013, Murray Human Rights Commission Meeting will include further discussion regarding several activities associated with the campaign and guests invited include: Murray City Schools Superintendent, Karen McCuiston, Dr. Renae Duncan, and Susan Guess. Guests will present comments to the Commission followed by open discussion. A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for March 11th at the middle school and Mr. Cofer is working with Matt Mattingly to secure a moderator for the event.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.