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St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission
January 6, 2010
Minutes

Attendees: Jim Hanley, Robert Cryer, Leisha Wood, Theo Cramer

HRC Liaison: Cynthia Brown

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by chairperson, Jim Hanley.

Cynthia Brown gave a finance report of \$2,750.

HRC Breakfast The entire meeting was devoted to the discussion of the upcoming awards breakfast on April 10. Jim Hanley reported Judge Wells accepted the invitation to be the guest speaker. The theme is Justice. This refers to justice, not solely in the judicial sense but also in a broader sense of how people treat one another.

Leisha Wood confirmed the menu with the caterer and the price is \$10 per person. Anticipated attendance is about 125 people.

There was discussion about the potential impact the MLK Breakfast may have on this year's HRC breakfast regarding the nomination of honorees. Traditionally, the HRC Breakfast has honored local citizens but the MLK event didn't. This year, for the first time ever, the MLK Breakfast honored community members. Some HRC members are concerned if this will decrease the number of nominations received so soon after the MLK event. Robert Cryer suggested perhaps people may see this as an opportunity to recognize folks they nominated for the MLK event who weren't selected.

Theo Cramer suggested marketing the HRC Breakfast more to the Board of Education and the student body. Theo further suggested marketing the event on Metrocast Cable. Robert volunteered to contact Metrocast to set this up. Theo, Jim and Mac McClintock will work on selection criteria for the honorees. Robert volunteered to work on preparation of the program book. The HRC brochure needs revisions prior to the Breakfast in order to reflect the current focus. Entertainment will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.