**Monthly Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022 at 5 pm (via Zoom)**

**PACG Civil Rights Issue Forum**

*Present:* Loxi Hopkins, Alta Price, Margie Mejia-Caraballo, Allison Ambrose

Members moved, seconded and approved the October Meeting minutes.

Action Item Updates:

***ACTION ITEMS from10/10 Civil Rights Forum Meeting:***

***Loxi:***

* talk to Mayra from QCI about ways to reach out to Hispanic groups on the gun amendment issue—*Not sure if this happened, however, since the meeting the election has occurred, so moot.*

**Allison:**

* share email info with One Human Family to be shared with the statewide coalition about contacting legislators re: DACA—*Done, however, Allison was not at the last coalition meeting, so is not sure if this information was shared with the coalition.*
* reach out to groups about interest in co-sponsoring and Immigration Summit in February. *Allison mentioned this possibility with Grant from QC Air without receiving a commitment (Grant’s really been busy). Since November meeting, One Human Family has agreed to be a co-sponsor.*
* look into getting gun amendment issue into the PAU, without being too partisan. –*DONE!*
* write questions and get them submitted for the candidate forum on 10/15—*Done, Forum was well attended*
* find out more about what’s going on with affordable housing in the QCs—Allison has discovered a person (Michelle Peterson from SAU) who has some great info about housing in QCs. We will re-visited tackling this issue after our Immigration Summit

*Coalition Partners Update:*

* **MLK Interpretive Center:** No one to report.
* **NAACP:** No one to report**.**
* **LULAC:** No report
* **QCAIR:** No one to report

Note: (we work in coalition with the above groups and that we like to hear reports during out meetings so that we can be informed about what these groups are doing to potentially identify ways that we can support their efforts)

**Immigration Updates/Activities/Ideas:** We discussed our potential Immigration Summit, thinking that it could be in February. Allison envisions that this would be in a similar format for the Drug Policy Forum that was held in 2019 (or 18?). This forum was held from 10:00 am to noon on a Saturday morning and consisted of various speakers with a different viewpoint of the topic; kind of like a panel presentation. Suggested places were MCC (too far?), Scott Community College (parking?) or St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**.  Allison will call these places, starting with St. Paul’s.**Once we secure a place, Allison will ask forum members to make calls to ask speakers to come (past minutes for list of potential speakers: Immigration Lawyer, someone from Iowa City Catholic Worker House, Ann Marie Toady, Laura Fontaine, QCI, Don Vondron, Summer Alchin). Overall:  we want to inform participants about what is currently going on with immigration issues/policies and end with suggested actions.

Allison has received information about legislation for DACA immigrants and how to lobby for it. **She will share information with the broader Civil Rights email distribution list and get information into the PAU.** We have never head back from Miller-Meeks’ Washington Chief of Staff after our visit to her office. **Allison will follow up with him.**

**QC Sanctuary Coalition:** Did not discuss

**Gender Equity Forum Update:** the forum met the day after the election to discuss what to do next; most likely talking to legislators and to be “on the ready” for potential actions coming out of the Iowa state house. They would like to get more allies and will meet again in January.

**BLM Responses and Actions / Project Now:** The PACG book club held its monthly meeting with the Project Now book club on 10/24, discussing Kristin Henning’s book. There was a nice mixture of PACG and Project Now people. Alta will keep her ears open for other potential ways to collaborate with this group.

Also, the equity now rally continues to be held every Saturday at from noon to 12:30 pm at John Deere Rd and 16th St. in Moline. ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Juvenile Justice Coalition:** This group meets on the 3rd Fridays of the month at noon on Zoom. No one had recently been to a meeting. Allison hopes to start attending.

**Miscellaneous:** Loxi brought up a concern that there is no representative from Davenport on the Scott County Board of Supervisors and wondered if this is something PACG (and other advocates) could do something about. Should we go to a board meeting to express concerns? We thought that this may be something that PACG board should discuss. **Allison will call Ken Croken to find out more about the process of replacing the vacant seat** (Knobbe elected to county treasurer so will be leaving the board).

Margie mentioned that she had attended a press conference for the community ID initiative being led by QCI. There was not mush press there. A coalition of people have been meeting every week to continue work on the initiative. One goal is to get on the agenda at a Board of Supervisors meeting. Mayra (QCI) has a petition for individuals to be able to sign to express their support of the initiative. **Allison will get this petition into the PAU.** We all agreed that we will be available to support this in whatever ways are needed.

Alta mentioned that PACG now has an Instagram account and that this could be a tool the our forum could use to attract new members, get support for our activities, etc.

**Monday, December 21th at 5:00 via ZOOM is the next meeting.**

*Notes taken by Allison Ambrose*

***ACTION ITEMS from 1/14 Civil Rights Forum Meeting:***

**Allison:**

* call potential places to hold our immigration summit, starting with St. Paul’s.
* share information with the broader Civil Rights email distribution list and get information into the PAU about how to reach out to legislators re: DACA.
* follow up with Miller-Meeks’ Washington Chief of Staff, re: our Immigration asks.
* call Ken Croken to find out more about the process of replacing the vacant seat on the board of supervisors
* get the petition for community ID into the PAU.