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Boundary County Watchman's report
June 26, 2023

A Kootenai County Watchdog requested public records from Lake Pend Oreille School District on June 8, 2023. The Boundary County Human Rights Task Force (HRTF) is the focus of this Watchdog's public records request. I have highlighted my concerns in a bullet point document, but first here are some of my thoughts:

- o Is the HRTF organization a 501C? Due to their own actions some community members consider the organization to be Progressive, Political, and even Hateful.

Are they:

- 501C 3 (school, education, church, science)
- 501C 4 (political, lobbyist, etc.)
- Other or nothing

- o Regarding our Idaho school system:

Idaho Statute 33-1603. SECTARIAN INSTRUCTION FORBIDDEN. No sectarian or denominational doctrine shall be taught in the public schools, nor shall any books, tracts, papers or documents of sectarian or denominational character be used therein.

According to Cambridge Dictionary: SECTARIAN is a person who very strongly supports the religious or political group that they are a member of, in a way that may cause problems with people from other groups.

- o In my opinion, if the HRTF wants to make a difference with our school district they should give "suggestions only", but according to the public records below it seems they are asserting their curriculum ideals in an excessive way throughout the year. If they want to make excessive suggestions:
 - They should apply to sit on the Curriculum Policy Committee per the Idaho Statutes.
 - Another option would be to encourage a student to lead an afterschool program.

I get community members can and should offer ideals to our schools, but when is the line drawn as being too excessive?

Idaho Statute 33-512A. DISTRICT CURRICULAR MATERIALS ADOPTION COMMITTEES. The board of trustees of each school district shall appoint a curricular materials adoption committee to advise the board on selection of curricular materials, as defined in section [33-118A](#), Idaho Code, for use within the schools of the district. Such a committee shall contain a membership at least one-half (1/2) of which is persons who are not public educators or school trustees and shall include parents of a child or children attending a school or schools within the school district. All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public and any member of the public may attend such a meeting and file written or make oral objections to any curricular materials under consideration. Each school district shall have on hand and available to the public the titles, authors and publishers of all curricular materials being used in the district. The public has the right to inspect the instructional materials, except students' tests, used in the district's schools.

o Per the Boundary County HRTF membership form:

- We support the dignity and worth of the human being and are committed to the pursuit of the ideals of justice and equality for all persons. We pledge to work for the elimination of bigotry and acts which stem from bigotry. It is our belief that to say "yes" to human rights is the best way to say "no" to prejudice and bigotry.
- We reject the doctrine of white supremacy or any other doctrine that advocates the superiority of one group over another.
- BCHRTF assists individuals, groups and the community in establishing effective peaceful means to eliminate acts of harassment and violence.
- Educate ourselves and others to develop strategies to challenge bigotry and to honor diversity in our region, our nation, and the world.
- Monitor acts of malicious harassment as a way of determining the dimensions of the problem and the threat of harassment and violence based on race, color, ethnicity, gender, religion, creed, sexual orientation or disability.
- Monitor the activities of groups that advocate racial supremacy or which harass persons because of their race, color, ethnicity, gender, religion, creed, sexual orientation, or disability.

By assuming membership in the Boundary County Human Rights Task Force, I am saying:

- I believe in the inviolable dignity of each human being.
- I oppose discrimination, segregation, intimidation, harassment, physical harm, or the denial of equal protection in any form based on race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability.
- I recognize that it is the racial, social, and cultural diversity of our people that makes Boundary County a rich and worthwhile place to live.
- I support the Boundary County Human Rights Task Force in its promotion of human rights in order to eventually eliminate prejudice.
- Any breach of confidentiality or failure to uphold the principles and purpose of this organization may be grounds for removal from participating in meetings and from its membership.

o According to the Boundary HRTF (and most of other state-wide HRTF's websites) they support the United Nation's Declaration. Below are some highlighted points:

Universal Declaration of Human Rights G.A. res. 217A (III) U.N. A/810 at 71 (1948)

- Article 2- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- Article 12- No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attack upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.
- Article 18- Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

- o HRTF has created a Hate Report and a Power Point Presentation that is basically a LIST of who in the community they consider to be White Nationalist. They assert themselves as an "authority" to educate others who in the community they consider to be extremist.
- o I couldn't find on the Idaho's U.S. Attorney website the definition of a Hate Crime/Incident, but according to the U.S. Office of Attorney General in D.C.:

Hate generally starts with bias that is left unchecked. Bias is a preference either for or against an individual or group that affects someone's ability to judge fairly. When that bias is left unchecked, it becomes normalized or accepted, and may even escalate into violence. When hate manifests against a person or group of people, it usually derives from ignorance, anger, fear, a sense of injury, or a perceived threat to the status quo.

(<https://oag.dc.gov/the-people-v-hate/what-is-hate>)

- o Some of the HRTF members have used the terms: "Taliban, Anti-School, Anti-Library, Domestic Terrorist, Militant Christian Fundamentalist, Extremist, Christian Nationalist, White Nationalist" and so forth.
- o Have the Boundary HRTF and others created an illusion that extremists are in our county and affecting our county to a level that we need the local law enforcement to intervene at an emergency level? I would like to see our local law enforcement's statistics on Hate Crimes within the county over the last ten years to assure me whether or not we are truly in a state of concern or emergency. It seems there is an attempt to create fear and bring out Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) relapse(s) from longtime residents who remember the Aryan Nations. I can say that does seem like the "theme" from CNN's video dated September 2, 2022 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDWaa3NshyM>). The CNN video was full of disinformation and fear mongering.
- o Is the Boundary HRTF a Hate Group that hides behind "Love, CommUNITY, Anti-Bully, Anti-Discrimination, etc."? They seem to be picking and choosing when these terms apply and who should be labeled. Just because someone's political or religious beliefs are the opposites of yours that doesn't mean you should put them on an "EXTREMIST LIST". It just means that you probably don't agree with their views or how they want to affect a community... Welcome to America! Everyone is entitled to their own opinions according to the Constitution. Until a person acts in a criminal way against someone IT IS INAPPROPRIATE and OFFENSIVE TO CREATE A HATE LIST OF PEOPLE YOU DON'T AGREE WITH. It doesn't align with the HRTF's theme of Love, Anti-Bully, Anti-Discrimination, etc... Also, what about being a CommUNITY? Or are we picking and choosing who is allowed to be a part of this beautiful community?

- o History has proven that when people start displaying discrimination, crime and even murder may follow. I am concerned that Hate Crimes will be on the rise. Not because of a Christian who doesn't want sin pushed in his face or a Conservative who wants to run for office. I believe Hate Crimes will be on the rise because some community members are having a hard time ignoring other people's way of life. Also, we should also be aware that our adult conversations may affect our youth's behavior. We have had some high school kids stealing and running over political signs.

- o As people move into a new area there will be "Cultural Blending" and the locals need to learn to adjust. The Great Migration has been happening for thousands of years and blending of cultures is part of the transition. In addition, many people who are moving to the area are political, medical, and religious refugees. They want to be a part of their new community and that includes politics. They want to make a difference and that difference might be a different way than what Old Families and their social group believe... and that is okay! There must be a thread of compassion and understanding for any community to successfully have a mixture of cultural beliefs. Yes, some beliefs are more extreme either to the left or right side! But we must respect each other unless a crime is committed.

- o My concern is that a group of citizens have asserted themselves as trained and educated experts on how to identify extremism. Yet according to their own membership form there is no training, certificates or degrees required to join. What is to say that the other side doesn't consider the HRTF to be extremist?... Where does this stop, and which side of the spectrum gets to have the authority? I don't believe either side should. We should all be watching this. If you hear anyone name calling, please stop them immediately or walk away. Don't give them attention or encourage their bad behavior.

Bullet point document of the 156 pages:

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- (Email cc shows Jessica Hanna using her government school email) *Is it appropriate to receive personal emails on your government email account, server, or equipment? I understand discussions regarding school, but non-school related subject matters should be questioned. I also understand that you can't control what others send you, but when it is an ongoing basis, should there be a conversation with the sender or should the employee "block/spam" future emails? I personally was told by Jan Bayer (Boundary County School Superintendent) last year to limit my emails to her to only what is related to school business or concerns. The emails sent to school employer Jessica Hanna were not only in excessive amounts, but also obvious that most of them had to do with her position at the Secretary of the Boundary County Human Rights Task Force. We are talking about club agendas, minutes, planning for events, internal conversations about other club members, etc...*
- (Page 8) HRTF agenda #4 report on meeting with school staff.

- (Page 8) HRTF agenda #11 meeting with CNN (the Library Director, Library Board, HRTF and other key players worked with CNN to paint a picture of extremism in Boundary County. They added Aryan Nations and Ruby Ridge. The Library Board Recall was an election process making the issue political)
- (Page 9) Boundary County HRTF Chair Barbara (*Barb*) Russell asked Timothy Braatz to condense his HRTF article comparing the library recall leaders to Taliban so that they can add it to one of their columns. (*Possibly Bonners Ferry Herald*).
- (Page 53 & 55) Mention of updating the power point (PP) significantly (*possible PP on who the HRTF consider to be White Nationalist in North Idaho*). Also mentions direct ties of Herndon to Redoubt and Fioravanti to Redoubt and JBS. They added this information to the slides. The HRTF mentioned Pastor Henry Yoder and the Ministerial Association. *I called Henry. He states he did not attend this meeting and it must be a mention on a previous conversation back in 2020. He states that Lutheran Church's Pastor Andy (Andrew Hinderlie) tried to claim he believed the HRTF and Ministerial Association should work together. Henry advised him he didn't believe this to be true and couldn't speak for all Boundary County churches.*
- (Page 58) Meet with (school) staff on MLK/Bullying. Meet with HS (high school) staff to discuss essay and art contest. Request "Not in our school (part of Not In Our Town program). The HRTF asked school staff if they could help. HRTF met with Andrea Fuentes (Curriculum Coordinator) and Jan Bayer (Superintendent).
- (Page 59) Meet with CNN to show power point of "North Idaho White Nationalist". Told CNN how many Redoubt members are in the area. Described the Lordship Church and Pastor Warren Campbell. CNN wanted a copy of Warren speaking at the 2020 city council meeting about changing the vision statement (*the new city vision statement to include "We are an inclusive city that welcomes all people, regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity and encourages their participation in city government and city programs. Warren, JBS and others wanted sexual orientation/gender identity to be removed while HRTF and others wanted it to stay*).
- (Page 59) Working with school on Idaho Forgotten War curriculum, plus resources for schools, Color of Conscience and Holocaust programs.
- (Page 62) HRTF members are emailing each other making fun of people like Scott Herndon and Heather Scott.
- (Page 97) Discussing Important legislative info that voters need to be aware of when going to the polls.
- (Page 99) HRTF had two meetings with Sheriff Kramer. He watched their power point on who is White Nationalist in North Idaho. Kramer commented on how well the PP was done and did not rebut any of the information presented. Also shared the PP with Bonner HRTF (*eventually this PP was passed around many times throughout the region*).
- (Page 99) HRTF is working with schools to have the tribe go into individual classrooms and speak with students.
- (Page 99) Library Board
- (Page 100) Assist teachers in teaching digital citizenship and educating parents in how to talk with kids about what they are seeing online.

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- (Page 4 & 5) Idaho U.S. Attorney Josh Hurwit, Dept. of Justice, CDA Tribe, Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations, Community Services, F.B.I.

hosted "United Against Hate Engage With Federal, Tribal And Other **Local Officials** To Combat Hate" event located on CDA Tribe's event center in Worley, ID.

- (Page 6) HRTF complained in their meeting that they believe Mt. Hall violates their tax-exempt status. They believe the church should give up their tax exemption status if they want to preach religion and politics. They then sent a PRE-filled out IRS Complaint Form and asked their members to submit one. *(Note: 1)HRTF and the Lutheran Pastor Andy (Andrew Hinderlie) have their meetings in a church 2) Mike Weland with 9B News wrote an article stating he did submit an IRS Complaint Form but was advised that President Trump signed an Executive Order during his time in office that would not allow the IRS to act on complaints. There has been talk on this subject and many believe that due to the 1st Amendment there is no legal ground. To this day no one in history has won in court)*
- (Page 13) HRTF sent their members a copy of the 2021 Spokane Task Force Report (published August 1, 2022). In the introduction it states, "we want all people to feel welcome, safe and valued". Their three top priorities are:
 - o *Support victimized by prejudice and bigotry (Bigotry definition: stubborn and complete intolerance of any creed, belief, or opinion that differs from one's own).*
 - o *Positive human relations*
 - o *Monitor and document hate activity, crimes, and incidents.*
- (Page 27) Boundary HRTF showed the power point that shows who they believe are White Nationalist in North Idaho again. The group decided to not share to the public due to safety and avoiding disrupters...
- (Page 27) Karen doesn't like Bobby Read who frequently rants on Facebook (complaining about someone's 1st Amendment)
- (Page 27 & 28) HRTF meets with Bonners Ferry Chief of Police Zimmerman. He was open to views about changes in the community. He mentions school violence and bullies. He also discussed polygamy. He tells the HRTF he doesn't care if Len Pine uses his position at the Boundary Chaplin Corp as a Christian ministry. The HRTF wants to follow up regarding this "issue".
- (Page 28) HRTF met with Middle School Principal Mark Fisk.
- (Page 28) Kootenai HRTF mentioned Liberty Pastors met at the CDA Inn. They also tried to legally stop Candlelight Church from hosting a poll station for voters.
- (Page 28) Boundary HRTF Barbara is going to RE-send their Hate Report.
- (Page 28) Latah HRTF thinks Christ Church is taking over Moscow.
- (Page 28) Montana HRTF is working with Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) on the legality of Constitutional Sheriffs.

Public Record's Screenshots

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Boundary County Human Rights Task Force Meeting agenda Fri, Sept 2nd 4pm Lutheran Church basement

1. Approve Aug 5 minutes
2. Treasurer Report
3. Secretary position open
4. Report on meeting with school staff
5. Report on meeting with Sheriff Kramer
6. Jessica Hanna – created Google Doc with Calendar folders, changed link name for digital form
7. Digital forms – someone to oversee
8. Task force email list – help from Kevin James
9. Columns – Sept, Oct, Nov
10. Meet & Greet - Oct 1st
11. Meeting with CNN
12. Meeting with concerned citizen
13. Nov program – Idaho's Forgotten War
14. Schedule power point presentations
15. Go Pro Grant

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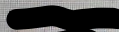

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THANK YOU!

@gmail.com
To: @lposd.org Jessica Hannah & Aaron Bohachek

Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 7:08:08 AM Pacific Daylight Time

Good morning!

Thank you so much for offering your help and taking the secretary position! You have no idea how grateful we are and you have been a great asset already!

I appreciate your concern for discretion. I'm not always the best communicator, especially orally – and I appreciate Elsie pulling me back from my mind when I ramble. As for Timothy and the library letter, the point I was hoping to make wasn't so much about the letter exactly. Only that the letter stated Timothy's pieces were perceived as from the task force, not saying I disagree with the content of what he wrote or that he doesn't have the right to write something on his own.


I thanked him for writing it and sharing with me. After reading it, I was hoping he might condense it and use for one of our columns.

Ultimately, what he writes will be seen as the task force. He knows that. He has felt constrained in his writings for the group and I'm not sure I am comfortable telling him what he should write, if representing himself. I've written and deleted several times and I'll leave it up to you how you would like to incorporate it into the minutes. Simple is fine.

Let me know how I can help with the library group. I spoke with Kimber about her son's go-pro idea. He is excited to help and we should formulate a plan.

Thanks again and have a wonderful weekend with your family!

Barbara

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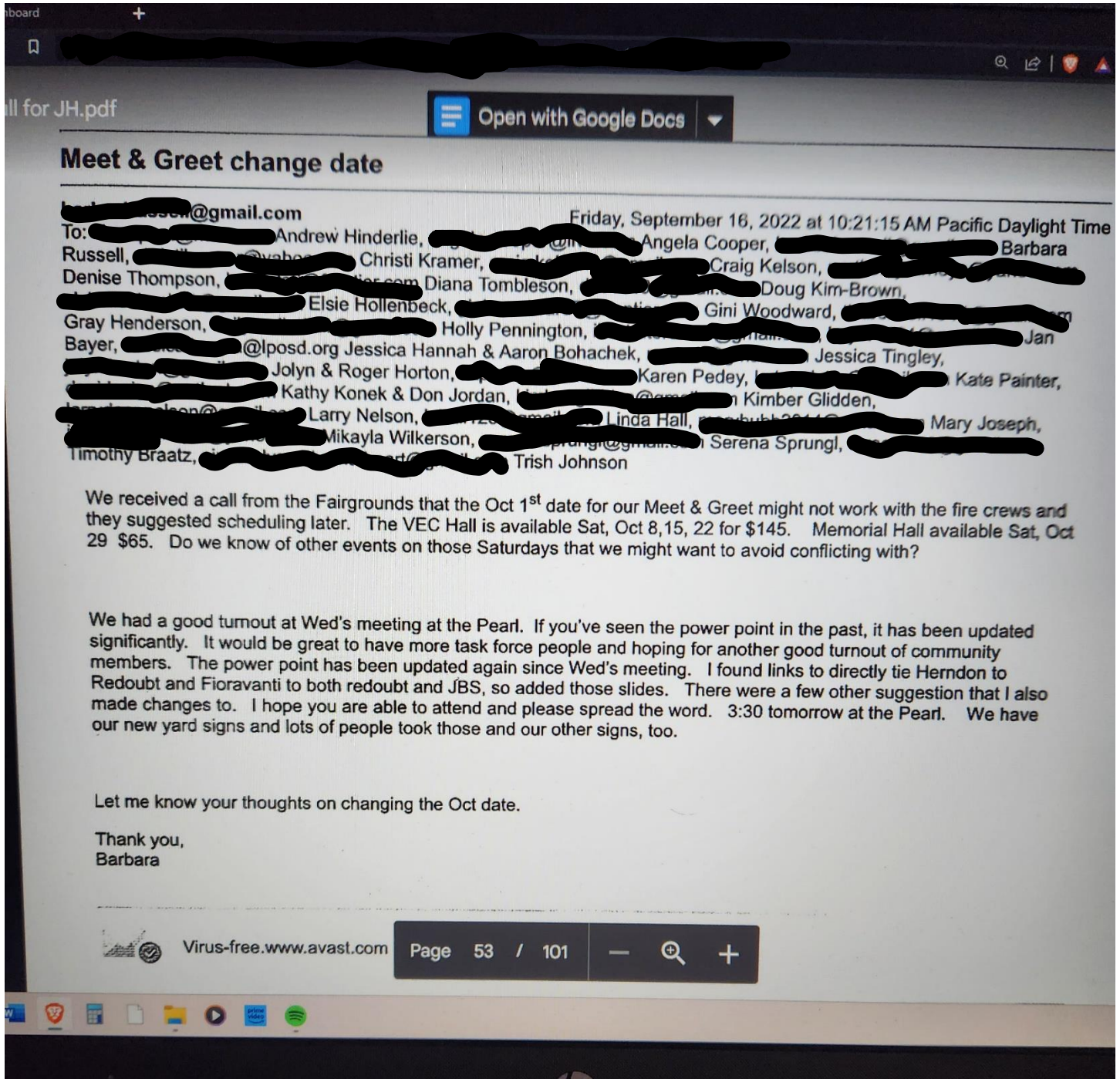


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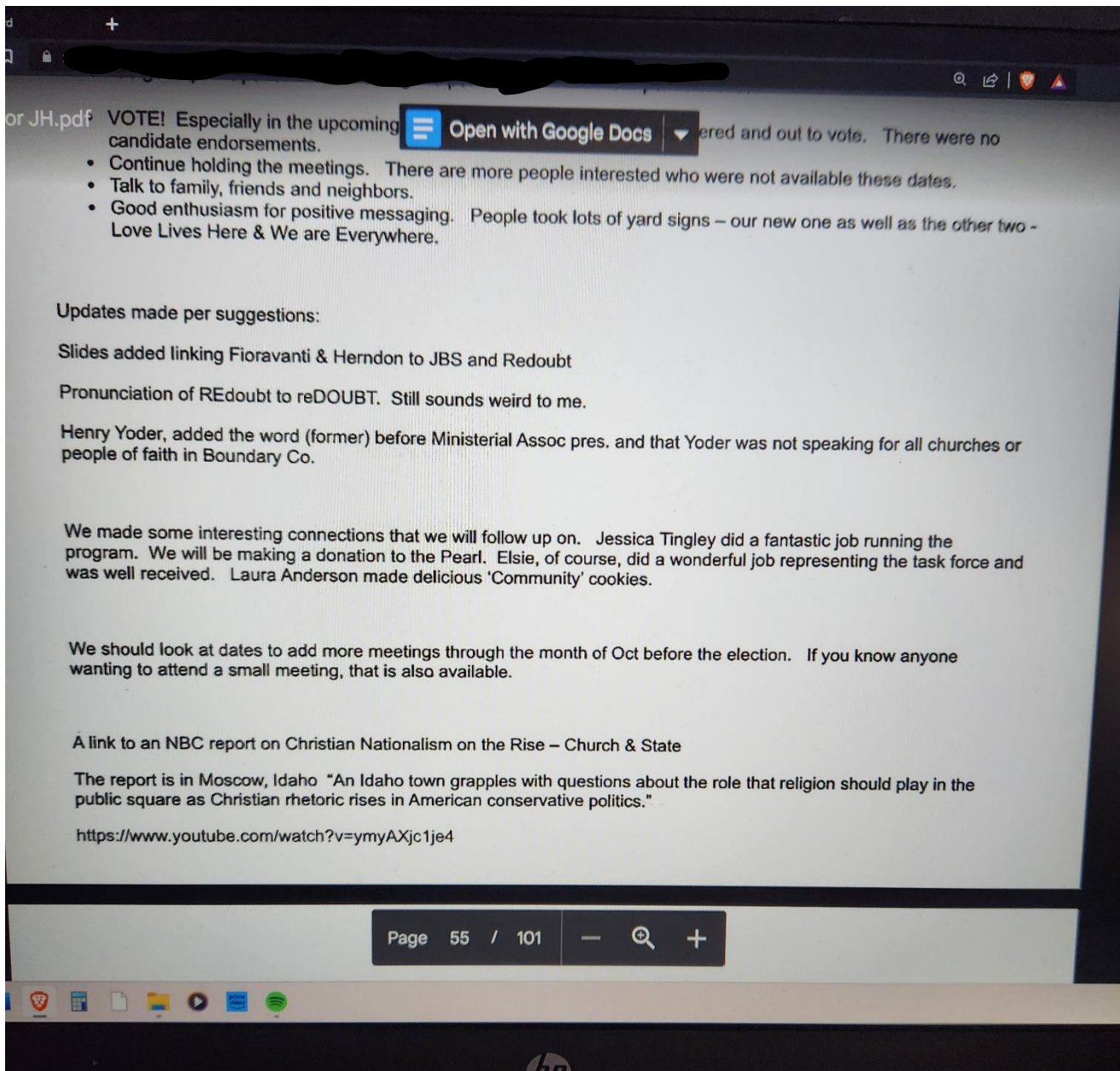
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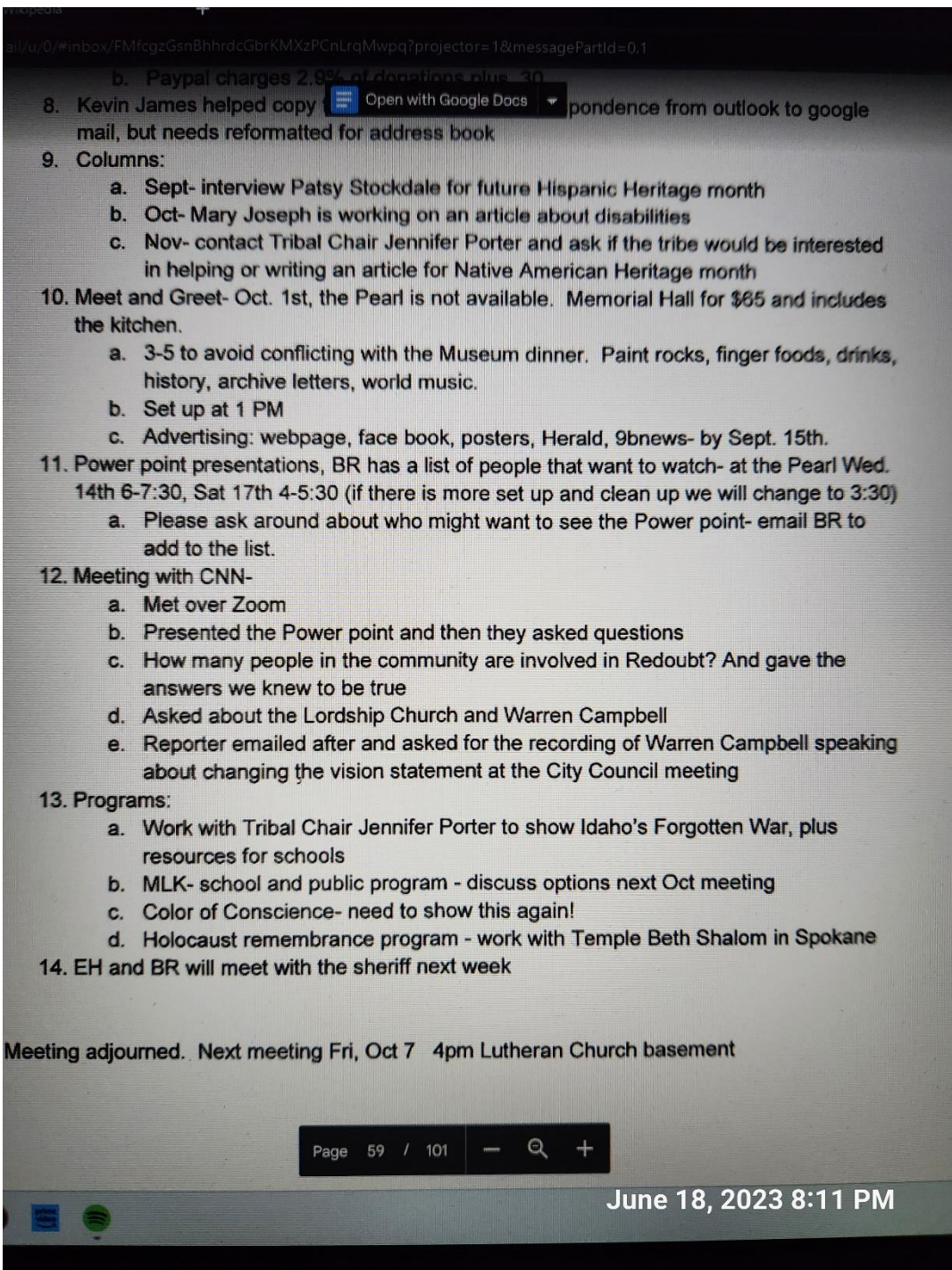


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Attorney General.

- a. Because Timothy Braatz has written news columns for the HRTF, some are associating his personal articles with the task force.
5. Yard signs- Sept 9th, BR is out of town until Sept. 13th
 - a. Thank you, Jessica Tingley!! She formatted the hand logo in higher resolution for our decals. The printers needed the logo saved in a vector format for the yard signs which Dan from Vigilante Studios made for us, he will be paid \$75.00.
 - b. How do we distribute the signs? Add to the website and face book, bring to the meeting, BR and EH's house, GROW community, etc.
 - c. No donations requested because signs were bought with grant money
 - d. Sign-up sheet for handing out signs (JH)
6. Report on meeting with school staff- MLK/bullying
 - a. Met with HS staff and discussed the essay and art contest
 - b. Is BCSD using a district-wide bullying program, if they are not, request they use Not in Our Schools (part of Not in Our Town). How can we be of help? Meet with Andrea and Jan and continue the conversation.
 - c. Idaho is the only state in the nation that renamed MLK Day to Human Rights Day/MLK Day
7. Jessica- a link to BCHRTF Calendar Project were sent to your email. The folders are titled for each month and the theme for that month. The docs inside the folders are a place for everyone to drop links, articles, books (including the age level), guest speakers, etc.
 - a. KP: Joinit.org could be used for membership forms. It helps track membership and keeps records. Donate button?? Report back!




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On Fri, Sep 30, 2022 at 5:35 PM <barbcairussell@gmail.com> wrote:

Let me know if you got the large group email I sent Bcc Tues am from the task force email with the attachment for the upcoming two meetings. Three people told me they didn't receive it. I received a notice from google that a few were undeliverable, but not those three people.

Thanks,
Barbara

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posd.org Jessica Hanna

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 9:54:38 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: [redacted]

Hi Barb,


Couple of quick things: first, I will do my best to be there by 4. Second, there were two emails that went around making fun of people like Scott Herndon and Heather Scott, I looked over the names and it looks like the mailing list was the same as the BCHRTF, so future BCC mailings are important.

Thanks!
Jessica

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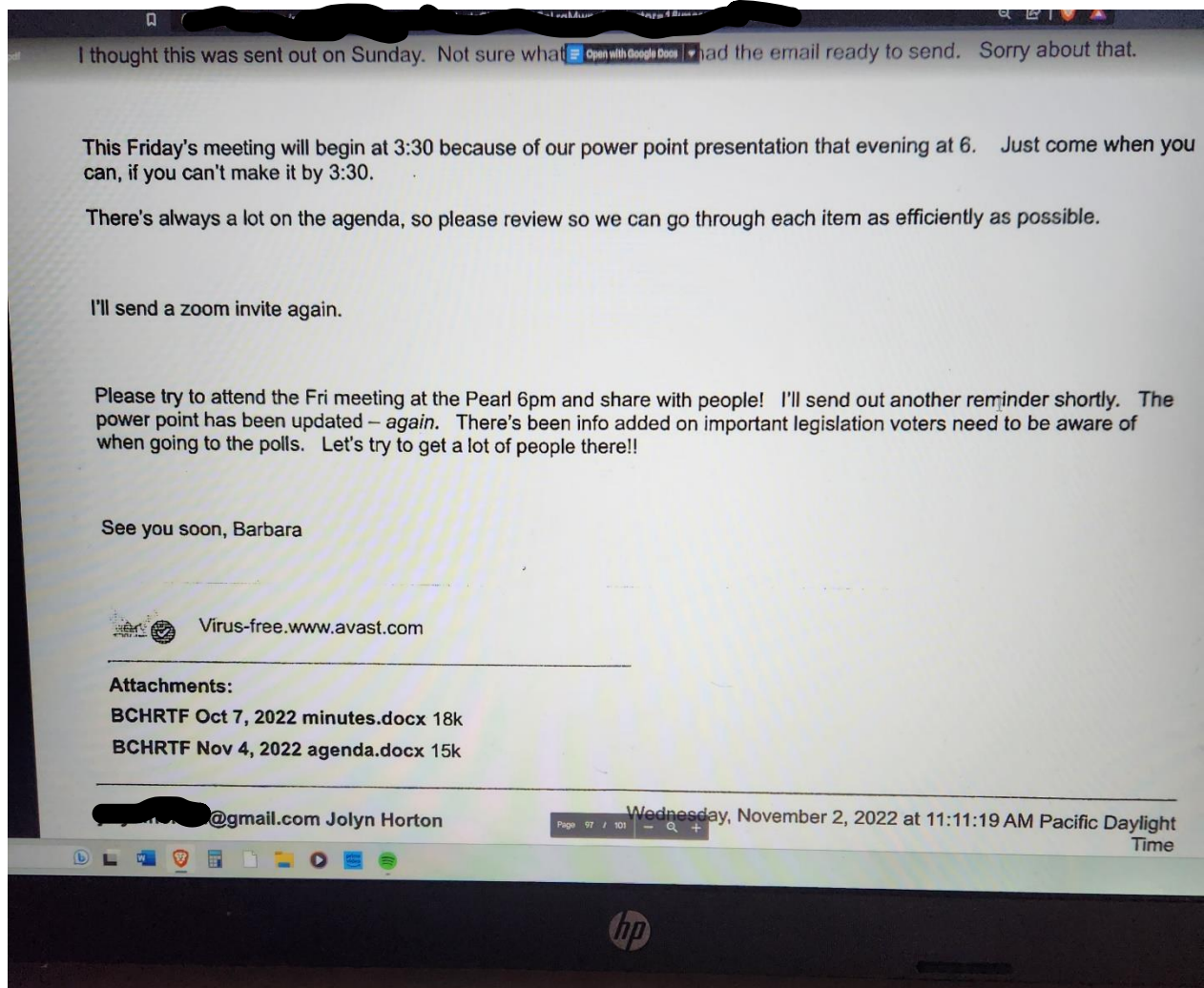
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[redacted]@gmail.com

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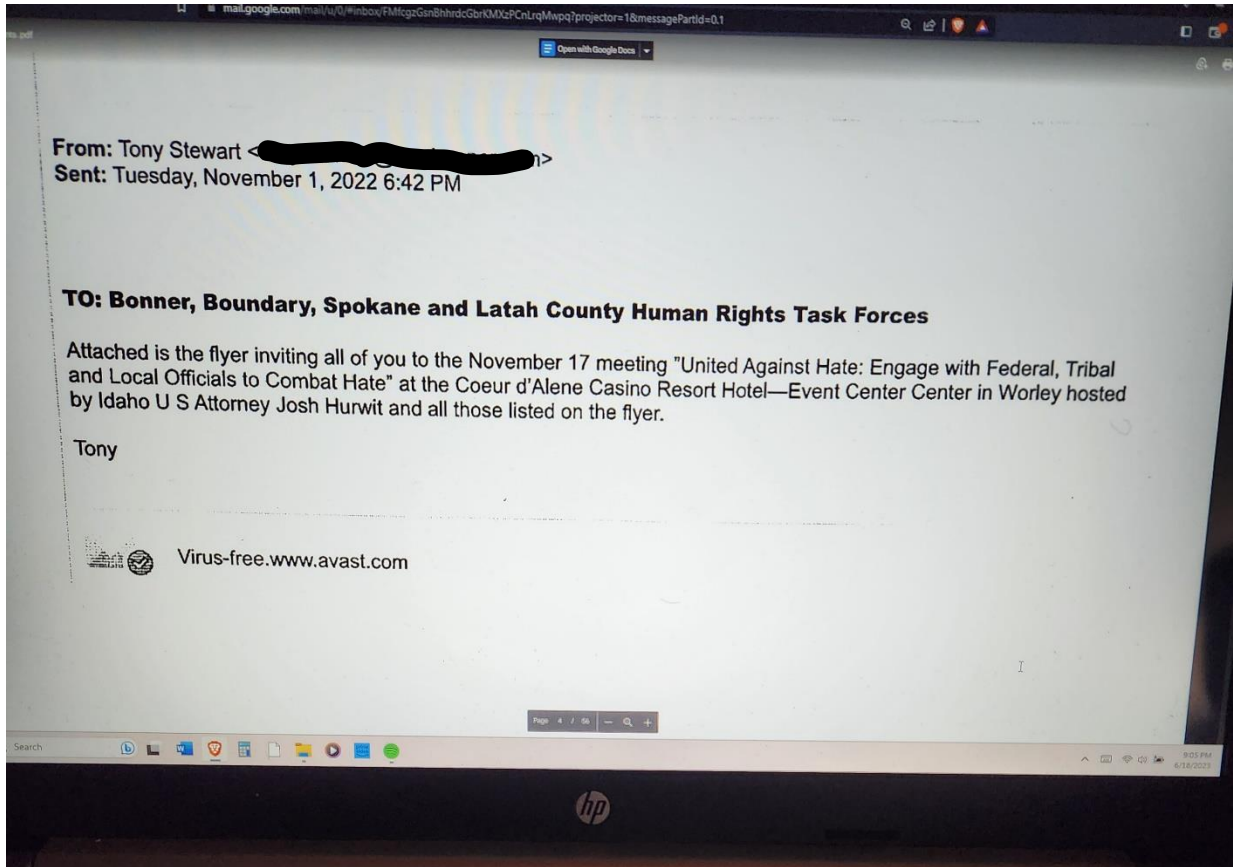
Boundary County Human Rights Task Force Minutes

October 7th, 2022 Trinity Lutheran Church

Attending: Barbara Russell, Craig Kelson, Elsie Hollenbeck, Karen Pedey, Steve Heisel, Jessica Hanna, Don Jordan, Jamie Cutter, Jolyn Horton, Mary Joseph, Doug Kim Brown, Dawn Wagner, Linda Hall, Trish Johnson

1. Treasurer report
 - a. \$2826.83 starting
 - b. \$168.90- fair to rent the space (\$100 is a deposit)
 - c. \$75.00 Daniel Seward
 - d. \$100- Doug and Kim Brown donation
 - e. \$95.00- cash donations
 - f. \$2060.00 grant money from Kootenai County Task Force
 - g. Balance \$4837.93
 - h. \$216.00- cash donations from the Pearl plus \$25 (check)
 - i. \$25 refund from the fair board
 - j. \$5103.93- balance
 - k. \$83.73 reimbursed Barb for ink
 - l. \$5020.20 final balance
 - m. Upcoming expense- donation to the Pearl for use of space of \$260.00 for the 4 nights of use. Future donation to the Pearl to come for future use.
2. Secretary position – Jessica Hanna volunteered!
 - a. Elsie moved
 - b. Craig seconded the motion
 - c. Unanimous approval
3. Report on two meetings with Sheriff Kramer:
 - a. This is his last term (2 more years?). He watched the presentation, commented on how well it was done and did not rebut any of the information presented.
4. Report on meeting with Tribal Chair Jennifer Porter & Clara Dunnington- a productive meeting!
 - Idaho's Forgotten War public program- the tribe will work with BCHRTF to present this on either Nov. 4th or 5th. If the auditorium is not available on the 5th we will move it to the 4th.
 - Work with the schools- the members of the tribe will go into individual classrooms and speak with students.
 - November column- Jennifer Porter will write it
 - Library boards
5. Past & upcoming powerpoint presentations
 - Past – Wed, Sept 14th 44 attended Sat, Sept 17th 40 attended Sun, Oct 2nd 20 attended
 - Upcoming – Tues, Oct 11 6pm Fri, Oct 28 6pm Fri, Nov 4 6pm Sat, Nov 12 or 19 6pm
 - Bonner Co Dems will be viewing PP – shown by Bonner task force on Oct. 27th at the Presbyterian Church
 - Ideas for more group participation?
6. Meet & Greet Sat, Oct 29th 3-5:00. Set up at 1:30 PM
 - Karen – coffee & coffee pot, creamer, sugar, water container & ice

- Mary – small plates, napkins, juice
 - Barbara – tea pot, tea, spoons, tablecloths
 - Diana – hot & cold cups
 - Mb Barb Robertson & Paul Bonnell – live music
 - Dawn & Holly – art projects - rock painting & ??
 - Trish- finger food
 - Linda- supplies from Costco (check in with her about what is needed)
 - Posters –
7. News columns – Oct- Mary Joseph Nov- Jennifer Porter Dec – the poster
 8. MLK public program – tentative plan is TLC, Jan. 14, 3-5 PM (check with Andy)
 - a. Show Soundtrack for a Revolution
 - b. Essays from students
 - c. Art contest
 9. Yard signs – distribute
 10. Concerning social media in the schools:
 - a. Dawn and Barb spoke with a minor about what young people are experiencing. Shared websites that may be radicalizing young people. Schools have been made aware.
 - b. Assist teachers in teaching digital citizenship and educating parents in how to talk with kids about what they are seeing online.
 11. Nov meeting (only) will be changed to 3:30 and will end at 5:00.
 - a. Depends on if we are showing the video
 12. Additional dates:
 - a. Oct. 21, 7 PM, at the Pearl Vicki Blake concerts
 - b. Oct. 22, 2 PM at the Pearl
 - c. Oct. 23, 2 PM Creston Secondary School

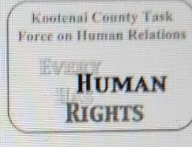


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UNITED AGAINST HATE:

ENGAGE WITH FEDERAL, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS TO COMBAT HATE



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration: 1:00pm

Please RSVP by November 11, 2022: <https://USAIDUnitedAgainstHate.eventbrite.com>

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel | Event Center
37914 S. Nukwalqw | Worley, Idaho

HOSTED BY:

United States Attorney's Office, District of Idaho

Coeur d'Alene Tribe

Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations

DOJ Community Relations Service

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FW: Mt Hall Church political activity

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FW: Mt Hall Church political activity

Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 6:54:07 AM Pacific Standard Time

To: [redacted] Andrew Hinderlie, [redacted] Angela Cooper, [redacted] Barbara Russell, [redacted] Christi Kramer, [redacted] Craig Kelson, [redacted] Denise Thompson, [redacted] Diana Tombleson, [redacted] Doug Kim-Brown, [redacted] Elsie Hollenbeck, [redacted] Gini Woodward, [redacted] Gray Henderson, [redacted] Jamie Cutter, [redacted] Jan Bayer, [redacted] Jessica Hannah, [redacted] @lposd.org Jessica Hannah & Aaron Bohachek, [redacted] Jessica Tingley, [redacted] Jolyn & Roger Horton, [redacted] Karen Pedey, [redacted] Kate Painter, [redacted] Kathy Konek & Don Jordan, [redacted] Kimber Glidden, [redacted] Larry Nelson, [redacted] Linda Hall, [redacted] Mary Joseph, [redacted] Mikayla Wilkerson, [redacted] Serena Sprungl, [redacted] Trish Johnson

This was forwarded to me by a concerned citizen. The Mt Hall Church is blatantly violating their tax exempt status. They have the option to give up that status as some other churches have, if they want to preach religion and politics together. The lack of respect for the rule of law when it suits them is a dangerous hypocrisy.

Please see the template form that can be filled out and returned to the IRS. You are welcome to copy & paste the attachments to a new email and share with others. Please don't forward this email, as the recipients are not Bcc.

Thanks,
Barbara

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Introduction

The Spokane County Human Rights Task Force (SCHRTF) was founded in 2016 as a volunteer organization of community members whose purpose is to guard and advance human rights in order to create a region where all people feel welcomed, safe, and valued.

Our top 3 top priorities are:

- Support for people victimized by prejudice and bigotry
- Support education promoting positive human relations
- Monitor and document hate activity, crimes and incidents

As the SCHRTF worked on each of our priorities, we concluded that an area where we could make a significant impact is in the documenting of hate crimes and incidents. We believed hate-motivated crimes and incidents create distrust and harm our communities, which warranted documenting these occurrences to create a record in Spokane County. Our Hate Documentation Project went live on April 2, 2019.

Spokane Hate Documentation Project

The project has four core objectives:

1. Create a community record of hate crimes and incidents
2. Develop reports of crimes and incidents to share with the public
3. Use collected information to support and coordinate educational, programmatic, and awareness activities along with improving response and prevention efforts to hate in our community
4. Provide resources to individuals who choose to be contacted by a trained responder.

To document hate crimes and incidents, the Spokane County Hate Report Tool was developed and made available at www.ReportHateBias.org and www.schrtf.org. Since its inception the Tool has been translated into Spanish and Russian.

Reports may be filed anonymously, or a name and number can be provided if someone wants to be contacted. The SCHRTF's response is victim-centered and protects victim confidentiality. Trained responders communicate with individuals who have requested to be contacted and can provide referrals to law enforcement agencies for assistance. These reports are not connected to law enforcement, though we do encourage people who have experienced a hate

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November 2, 2022 - May 7, 2023

- 1000 Jaime Larson, donation
- 100 Kris Larson, donation
- 50 donation Oct regular meeting
- 65 donation, power point meeting
- 20 donation, meet & greet

End balance \$5795.66

3. Power point meetings: Tues, Oct 11 & Fri, Oct 28 There was good discussion at both and it was suggested to "advertise" more publicly to reach more people. While we see their viewpoint, invites go to hundreds of people and we rely on the community to extend the reach. Issues of safety and avoiding disrupters, accessing risks, how other boards operate and legal challenges were discussed.

Karen shared concerns about Bob Slaughter aka Bobby Read, Jr. who frequents Face Book with rants.

4. Upcoming Events

1. Power Point meetings – Fri, Nov 6 & Sat, Nov 12
2. Idaho's Forgotten War – Sat, Nov 5 Set up 3pm

5. New power point meetings? Will check Jan availability at Pearl. Linda Hall & Serena requested to schedule a small meeting

6. Meeting with Police Chief Zimmerman – He was open about his views regarding changes in the community.

- He is alarmed about incidences of violence in school and said resource officer doesn't have time to address bullying.

- Polygamy: He doesn't think they are transporting young girls like before and shared Sheriff Kramer's frustration with Health & Welfare concerning children at the polygamist compound

and during home visits when the officers believe a child is in danger and should be removed, but H&W does not make that decision.

- Boundary Chaplain Corp – supportive up to a point but in the end didn't care if Len Pine used his position as a Christian ministry.

We discussed further concerns regarding this issue and need to follow up.

7. Meeting with Middle School principal Mark Fisk – Elsie & Barbara went to formally introduce ourselves and the task force. We could see his burden as he shared challenges of helping kids who are broken and hurting. He is very caring, supportive of the task force, our goals and open for opportunities to work together.

There is a homeless liaison at the school. BOCO, a local organization that helps feed school children with food insecurities is in need of funds. Safeway no longer offers free food for their backpacks. We will email the BOCO brochure to our group.

We discussed the problem of homeless adults and need for affordable housing. We would like to invite Liz from Coalition of Family Services to speak with us sometime.

8. Meet & Greet was a nice gathering of old members and new people.

9. Joint Task Force meeting –

Kootenai Co - Tony reported their task force has been gifted a lot of money, they gave out awards at their big fundraising banquet and there will be another grant opportunity soon. The Liberty Pastors held a meeting at the CdA Inn, legal efforts failed to prevent Candlelight Church to be used as a polling place.

Spokane – Ricky Wilson received a Diversity in the Arts award. Gonzaga is starting the Web Quilt Project using their grant money from Kootenai. Barbara will resend their Hate Report.

Latah – MLK art contest and shared how Christ Church is trying to take over Moscow

Montana – Courts struck down laws that were passed last year on tribal issues, voting rights, guns on campus. Working w ICAP on legality of constitutional sheriffs. Not many people showed up for the White Lives Matter rally.

Bonner Co – They had a fun Human Rights Day event, met with the Attorney General in Cda who holds training programs but they need to be invited to set one up.

Next meeting Fri, Nov 4th 4pm at the Lutheran Church