

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: October 9, 2017

Time: 6:35pm

Place: Horizon Foundation, 10221 Wincopin Circle, Suite 200, Columbia, MD

Attendees:

Bessie Bordenave

Christina Bostick

Charles Davis

John Dean

Kimberley Flowers

Willie Flowers

Annie Foster

Hiruy Hadgu

Laura Johnson

Jennifer Jones

Rhonda Jones

Elexis Lawson

Kellie McLellan

Michael McLellan

Peter Spann

George Waites

President's Report

- There will be an Annual Giving Kickoff to raise funds at the end of the year. The goal is to raise money by sending a donation letter electronically. The kickoff will start October 23, 2017.
- There was a motion to put down a \$4,000 deposit to hold the date for the Freedom Fund breakfast scheduled for May 5, 2018. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
- Currently looking for an assistant secretary.
- State conference is on Oct 27th and 28th. The President will contact the 8 delegates that went to the National Convention to see if they can attend.
 - There was a motion to add three alternates – John Dean, Annie Foster and Peter Spann – to the alternate list from the National Convention. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
 - There was a motion for the branch to pay the registration fee for the 8 delegates. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.

- The President made a motion to appoint Christina Bostick as At Large board member. The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor of motion.

First Vice President's Report

- Volunteers are needed for the Day of Service on Monday, January 15th.
- The naming of the new elementary school in honor of Silas Craft was discussed.
 - Mrs. Craft wanted to know what group was behind the naming
 - Mrs. Craft wants to make sure that if the school is named in honor of her husband, it adheres to his values and teachings.
 - School board has only named one school after an individual.
 - There was discussion on whether a high school would be more appropriate.

Treasurer's Report

- The branch needs to make sure the annual assessment fee has been paid. The President will confirm.
- Branch needs to pay \$30 for their vendor table at the Harriet Tubman event.
- Branch needs to pay for post office box for the next 6 months.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Sept 6th executive committee meeting will be emailed.

ACT-SO

- The committee is recruiting ACT-SO participants.
 - There is an October kick off
 - The Urban League will help mentor and also offer space

MLK 5K

- There was a motion to pay Bullseye Running Club for marketing and advertising services. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
- The fee for Bullseye is \$750 up to 125 runners plus \$3 per person over 125.
- The race will cost \$6,475. This covers cash awards, t-shirts, mkt/adv, medals, porta potties.
- Looking for sponsors.

Youth Work Committee

- The committee wants to start a Youth Advocacy Training program for 10-12 middle and high school students.
- This is a pilot program over 3-4 months.
- There was a motion to approve the program. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
- There was a motion to approve \$250 for materials needed for the program. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.

Housing Committee

- There was a motion to approve a house buying seminar. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion.
- The seminar will include info on finding a lender, credit repair and other issues.

Education Committee

- Michael McLellan is the new education co-chair.
- Key areas of focus are HCPSS leadership, student resources, progress report card and revenue generation.
- There is a new education resource portal.
- The committee will take part in the Black History Expo in February.

Membership Committee

- Received 17 memberships since the last meeting.
- The membership chair resigned.

Upcoming Meetings

- The next general meeting is on Oct 26. We have invited the CEO of Howard County Hospital as the guest speaker.
- The November meeting is Nov 30.
- 2018 Planning Meeting – TBA
 - Will discuss whether to have executive committee meeting before general meeting
 - Bessie Bordenave will help plan this meeting

Upcoming Events

Branch Annual Giving Launch – 10/23

MD State Convention – 10/27-28

Turkey Bowl – 11/19

Youth Council Feed the Homeless – 11/19

MLK Unity 5K – 1/13

Freedom Fund Breakfast – 5/5

Housing Seminar – TBA

Education Forum - TBA