

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: November 13, 2017

Time: 6:30pm

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

Attendees:

Najee Bailey

Bessie Bordenave

Marlon Brown

Charles Davis

Charles Franklin

Kimberley Flowers

Willie Flowers

Laura Johnson

Alicia Jones-McLeod

Jennifer Jones

Kori Jones

Jenkins Odoms

Yetta Roggeron

Dr. Lewis O. Saunders

Peter Spann

President's Report

- Fundraising is a priority. There are 3 fundraising events on the calendar.
 - Annual Giving Letter – email was sent out Nov. 1 asking for donations. A link to the website was provided along with directions to pay by check. We will also follow up with a mailing
 - MLK 5K race – Jan 13, 2018.
 - Freedom Fund Breakfast – May 5, 2018
- Percentage Plus – goal is to register voters, educate and turnout for 2018 primary and general elections. This is also a significant marketing opportunity to capitalize on energy from elections. We also plan to have an early vote event
- State Convention – we had 8 delegates and 20 observers

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Sept 6th and Oct 9th executive committee meetings were provided and were previously emailed
- There was a motion to approve the minutes from Sept and Oct meetings. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion

Housing Committee

- Next meeting is Wednesday, Nov 20th.
- Home buying seminar – Dec 9th, 11-1pm at Howard Community College, HSB 114. The seminar will include info on finding a lender, credit repair and other issues.
 - Kim Flowers will provide a flyer to help market seminar

Armed Service/Veteran Affairs

- The committee presented a workshop at the State Conference
- Currently in talks with the Lt. Governor regarding programs for veterans, specifically around taxes and mental health. The committee would like to lower taxes for veterans

Education Committee

- Next meeting – Nov. 14th at the Central Library. BSAP representatives will be there to discuss the program and ways we can support each other
- Redistricting – working on a position statement with the Political Action Committee
- The committee is developing a new education resource portal for the website
- The committee will implement the education toolkit given at the State Conference
- The committee is in conversation with HCC to host an education forum in the spring

Youth Council

- Annual Feed the Homeless – Sunday, Nov 19th, 3-5pm
 - Accepting donations – monetary or gift cards (McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King)
- The next meeting is Thurs, Nov 16th at Ridgely Run, 6pm
- State Conference
 - There were 4 youth members in attendance
 - Amanda McDonald was honored by Sen Ben Cardin
- There was a motion for the branch to give \$250 for Feed the Homeless. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion
- Don Cash is donating 10 turkeys
- First Baptist Church of Guilford is donating food
- Expect approx. 100 people

MLK Unity 5K Race

- Title sponsors are Bith Energy and Prism. Also talking to YMCA
- The event will be Sat, Jan 13th. Location: 6940 Columbia Gateway Drive
- It has been approved by the police department
- Registration before the race is \$30 and \$40 day of race

- There was a motion that executive committee members participate in a team challenge with the minimum number for each executive member to recruit 10 walk/runners to the race or to raise a minimum of \$300.
 - The motion was seconded. The motion passed with 12 in favor and 3 opposed (Najee Bailey, Bessie Bordenave, Kori Jones)

General Meeting – November 30th

- The general body meeting will be held on November 30th at Medical Pavilion at Howard County, 10710 Charter Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, MD 21044
- Guest speaker: Steven Snelgrove, President, Howard County General Hospital

Annual Giving Mailing

- There was a motion to for the branch to pay \$500 for a mailing to go to membership asking for donations
 - The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion
- Rev Davis will provide the envelopes
- Included in this mailing will be a separate notice for the Dec 28th planning meeting

2018 Planning Meeting – December 28th

- There will be a mailing sent out notifying members of the Dec 28th planning meeting per the Constitution. The notice will be included in the Annual Giving mailing
- The executive committee will present the 2018 plan at the Dec 28th meeting to the general membership
 - Advance planning and discussion will take place at the Dec 11th executive committee meeting
 - The President will advise on general priorities
 - Executive committee will also brainstorm on professional marketing materials needed – letterhead, pens, outreach materials, etc.

Omega Psi Phi Dinner

- There was a motion to pay for a \$150 ad in the program
 - The motion was seconded. All voted in favor of motion

Black History Month Expo

- The President will follow up on pricing for a table at the Expo

Upcoming Events

Turkey Bowl – 11/19

Youth Council Feed the Homeless – 11/19

Housing Seminar – 12/9

MLK Unity 5K – 1/13

Freedom Fund Breakfast – 5/5

Education Forum – Spring 2018