

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: December 11, 2017

Time: 6:48zpm

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

Attendees:

Najee Bailey
Bessie Bordenave
Christina Bostick
Charles Davis
Cynthia Fikes
Carole Fisher
Charles Franklin
Willie Flowers
April Harrison
Colleen Hughes
Laura Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Rhonda Jones
Becca Niburg
Dr. Lewis O. Saunders
Peter Spann
Leslie Smith Turner

Approval of Agenda

- There was a motion to approve the agenda by Lewis Saunders. Motion was seconded by Rhonda Jones. All voted in favor.

President's Report

- 2018 programming is a priority. The President distributed events NAACP sponsored in 2017. We will use this as a basis for 2018.
- Committees need to determine programming and a budget for 2018.
- April Harrison from Horizon Foundation will focus on organizational capacity.
- Cynthia Fikes added insight on political issues to focus on in 2018.
- Colleen Hughes is the new website administrator. Please send updates to her.

- Several organizations in Howard County are co-sponsoring a gubernatorial candidate forum in 2018.
 - NAACP needs to decide if we would like to co-sponsor event.
 - There is a conference call on Tues, Dec 12th to discuss. Jennifer Jones will be on call to better understand the event and communicate back to branch.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from Nov 13th executive committee meeting was provided and was also previously emailed.
- There was a motion by Lewis Saunders to approve the minutes from the Nov 13th executive committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Charles Davis. All voted in favor.
- There was a motion by Rhonda Jones for committees to send reports to the Secretary two days before any executive committee meeting or general body meeting. Motion was seconded by Lewis Saunders. All voted in favor.
- There was a motion by Rhonda Jones for committee chairs to be responsible for making copies of reports to be distributed at any executive committee meeting or general body meeting. Motion was seconded by Lewis Saunders. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

- Financial report was distributed.

Education Committee

- Priorities for 2017 included establishing a relationship with the school district, understanding and supporting the BSAP program and looking at redistricting implications.
- Priorities for 2018 will align with the national NAACP priorities and will determine over the next couple of weeks.
- Will focus on revenue opportunities in 2018.
- A proposed 2018 calendar was distributed.

Youth Work Committee

- The committee held a meeting on Nov 30th to kick off the Youth Advocacy Training program for middle and high school students.
- Ten students and their parents attended.
- The program will run from Jan-Apr 2018.
- The final project will be a presentation.

Housing Committee

- There was a home buying seminar – Dec 9th at Howard Community College.
- The seminar included info on finding a lender, credit repair and other issues.
- The committee will continue seminar in 2018 and also focus on housing affordability.

Community Engagement Committee

- In 2018, focus will be registering and turning out voters.
- A proposed 2018 calendar was distributed and discussed.

Legal Redress Committee

- Christina Bostick will be leading the newly formed legal redress committee for the branch. Peter Spann will be working on legal redress at the state level.
- The purpose of the committee is to help members of the community with legal issues.

Public Safety Committee

Peter Spann will be leading the newly formed public safety committee for the branch.

Labor and Industry Committee

- Focus is to increase minority business ownership.
- Will meet once per month in 2018.

Fundraising for 2018

- MLK 5K Race
- Freedom Fund
- Slam Dunk/ 3pt Shoot Out Event
- Cocktails and Conversation – Education Committee
- Chat and Chew – Women in the NAACP

2018 Planning Meeting – December 28th

- The executive committee will present the 2018 plan at the Dec 28th meeting to the general membership
- The President will advise on general priorities
- There was a motion by Laura Johnson to allocate \$500 for food at this meeting. Motion was seconded by Charles Davis. All voted in favor.