

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: January 8, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Conference Call

Attendees:

Christina Bostick
Marlon Brown
Regina Clay
Charles Davis
Annie Foster
Carole Fisher
Charles Franklin
Kim Flowers
Willie Flowers
April Harrison
Laura Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Rhonda Jones
Elexis Lawson
Alicia Jones-McLeod
Becca Niburg
Dr. Lewis O. Saunders
Peter Spann
Leslie Smith Turner

President's Report

- General body meetings will be framed around the 7 game changers: economic sustainability, education, health, public safety and criminal, voting rights and political representation, expanding youth & young adult engagement, base building.
- 2018 programming is a priority.
 - Committee chairs should let the President know if you have an idea for a general body meeting.
- Health committee chair – Mark Brooks

Secretary's Report

- There was a motion by Carole Fisher to approve the minutes from the Dec 11th executive committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor.

Quarterly Programming

- State of the Black Vote in Howard County
- Automation & Information Technology
- Equity
- Housing

MLK Unity 5K Race

- The event will be Sat, Jan 13th. Location: 6940 Columbia Gateway Drive.
- The President emailed an event memo for the race. Packet pickup will be on Thursday and Friday before the race.
- We need volunteers for Saturday race day. Jennifer Jones is the volunteer coordinator for Thurs/Fri. Becca Niburg will coordinate volunteer on Saturday.
- Board members need to get 10 runners signed up.
- There will be a heated tent with chili and hot drinks for after the race.
- We still need in kind donations for prizes given to winners in age groups.
- Each runner will receive a t-shirt and medal.
- The top male and female runners will receive \$100.
- Status – approx. 150 runners currently signed up. Would like 300.

ACT-SO

- Apr - Deadline for ACT-SO applications is Apr. 6th.
- Jun – Showcase
- Jul – National Competition

Youth Work

- There will be a conference call next Monday, Jan 15th.
- The program currently has 12 students.
- The program will run from Jan-Apr 2018.

Labor and Industry

- Focus is to increase minority business ownership.
- First meeting will be in January.

Community Engagement

- In 2018, focus will be registering and turning out voters.
- First voter registration will be on Feb 25th.
- Working on public forum – State of the Black Vote
- Will discuss Percentage Plus at Jan general body meeting.

Economic Development

Meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday Jan 9th.

Public Safety

There will be a panel discussion in February in collaboration with the Jack & Jill organization.

Education

- Had a committee conference call on Jan 4th.
- Upcoming meetings
 - Meeting with CAC to plan meeting with district on minimizing school suspensions.
 - BSAP on Jan 10th.
 - Principal Rick Wilson regarding recent violence.

Housing

- The committee is focusing on housing affordability and identifying gaps.
- Committee is identifying policies that affect housing.