

**NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: February 12, 2018

Time: 6:40 pm

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

Attendees:

Bessie Bordenave

Christina Bostick

Charles Davis

Lynda Earle

Annie Foster

Charles Franklin

Kim Flowers

Willie Flowers

April Harrison

Jennifer Jones

Alicia Jones-McLeod

Helen Nixon

Yetta Roggeron

Richard Shepherd

Peter Spann

Stephanie Wall

Sade Wilmore

President's Report

- There was a motion by Kim Flowers to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Jones. All voted in favor.
- There was a motion by Charles Franklin to pay \$317.81 to AACR for the Branch's share of the food purchased for the lunch program. Motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor.
- There was a motion by Kim Flowers to pay \$100 to AACR for membership dues. Motion was seconded by Christina Bostick. All voted in favor.
- There was a motion by Stephanie Wall to approve the appointment of Linda Earle as Assistant Secretary. Motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor.

- Update from National Office: Officers and executive committee chairs that want to run for office need to take a leave of absence from their branch position while running. If they win, they need to step down.
- MLK Unity 5K Race
 - There was a good turnout especially considering the weather.
 - A financial statement was distributed.
 - There were ideas discussed on how to make the race better next year - greater variety of beverages, bigger tent.
 - There was concern raised regarding the way the money was processed. It was agreed that having multiple payment methods is a plus. Runners were able to pay online, by check, cash and by credit card. Credit card payments went directly to the NAACP bank account.
- Wilde Lake High School Advocacy
 - There has been recent incidences of fighting.
 - The Branch is working with the principal and James LeMon to assist families who move to Columbia from the city

Secretary's Report

- There was a motion by Kim Flowers to approve the minutes from the Jan 8th executive committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Stephanie Wall. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report (MLK Race)

- A report was distributed – we made approx. 7K profit from the race. (Another \$1K was deposited after the report)
- Bessie Bordenave requested a breakdown of marketing and outside contracting expenses.
- Multiple ways (online, credit card, check) for participants to pay is better for maximizing revenue.
- Working with Eventbrite and RunSignUp is good because there is detail on each transaction and reporting features.

1st Vice President

- Bessie Bordenave requested that the Branch advocate for the 13th high school to be built on Mission Road.
- There was a motion by Annie Foster to support the new high school at Mission Rd. Motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor.
- The other potential site is Troy Hill.
- Mission Rd is 77 acres and has enough space for a high school and an elementary school.
- Both sites would cost approx. \$115-120 million.
- There is a hearing on Feb 22nd; there will be a final decision on March 8th.
- Email the Bd of Education to advocate for Mission Rd site and sign the petition.

ACT-SO

- There will be a program meeting Feb 18th at Locust United Methodist Church from 2-5:30pm
- Committee is looking for mentors for the program.
- Mentoring meeting dates are Feb 27th, Mar 6th, Mar 14th. Meetings will be held from 5-6:30pm at the Locust United Methodist Church.

Community Engagement

- In 2018, focus will be registering and turning out voters.
- First voter registration event will be on Feb 24th.
- Working on public forum – State of the Black Vote

Economic Development

- The goal of the committee is to increase minority business owners in Howard County and holding the county accountable for minority contracts.
- Events planned: entrepreneurship/workforce development, youth/job internship fair for HC public schools
- The committee will coordinate potential opportunities with Helen Nixon and at HCPSS and Kim Flowers who is on the Economic Opportunity Task Force

Freedom Fund

- The theme is the Year of the Woman. Recipients will be women in the community who make a difference.
- The cost is \$75.
- The venue is booked and the menu is set.
- The Morgan State Jazz band is booked. They would like another band. The Northfield Elementary School band was suggested.
- There will be 50 tables.
- There will be a silent auction and no vendor tables.
- Save the Date cards will be mailed this week.

Housing

- NAACP President and committee met with the Dir of Housing Commission to discuss the role of the county in the health of various communities.
- Committee is planning a housing symposium on Apr 28th designed to discuss the state of housing in the county.
- There was a motion by Stephanie Wall to approve \$300 for supplies for the symposium. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Jones. All voted in favor.

Youth Council

- Youth Council members attended the Advocacy Training hosted by Rhonda Jones.

- There was a motion by Yetta Roggerson to approve \$75 for 2 tables at the Black Expo on Feb 17th. Motion was seconded by Kim Flowers. All voted in favor.
- Next meeting is Feb 15th at Ridgely's Run.

Youth Work

- The Youth Advocacy Training Program will meet on Thurs, 2/22 at Ridgely's Run from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Older Adult

- The Bain Center will be co-sponsoring the Elder Empowerment event with the committee so the Bain Center will be provided at no charge.
- The event will be held in Sept/Oct.

Public Safety

- There will be a panel discussion on Racial Profiling on Feb 28th at Wilde Lake High School in collaboration with the Jack & Jill organization.

Legal Redress

- There have been 5 cases addressed:
 - Bullying – the committee coordinated with the School Board.
 - Police brutality/harassment
 - Protective order involving a student
 - Elder abuse
 - Henrietta Lacks estate

Silas Craft Collegiate Fundraiser

- There will be a fundraiser on Mar 5th at Hunan Manor
- There was a motion by Kim Flowers to approve \$500 to be a sponsor. Motion was seconded by Stephanie Wall. All voted in favor.

Domestic Violence Rally

- Sade Wilmore, founder of Slim Thick Fitness, discussed an event she is planning to uplift the voices of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and bullying.
- The goal is to have the rally take place at the reflection pool at the Lincoln Memorial in D.C.
- They are trying to gather volunteers, sponsors and partners to come help support this event.
- They are starting a GO Fund Me to raise 21K-32K for the fees.
- They are also looking to have a panel to take place after the event for those who purchase a ticket to hear more about empowering women.
- Once all fees are paid for any money left over will be donated to an organization that deals with Domestic Violence in bringing awareness.