

NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: March 12, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

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

Attendees:

Yetta Roggerson

Colleen Hughes

Torian Johnson

Becca Niburg

Najee Bailey

Helen Nixon

Laura Johnson

Richard Shepherd

Willie Flowers

Lynda Earle

Stephanie Wall

Carole Fisher

Christina Bostick

Elexis Lawson

Jennifer Jones

Bessie Bordenave

Matthew Quainoo

Leslie Smith Turner

Treasurers Report

- * Detailed report of finances
- Current assets: total checking/savings \$18,977.98
- 5K MLK race total cost \$6,755.83
- 5k MLK race total fundraising revenue \$14,311.47
- There were outside contract services \$2,961.83
- Total contract services \$6,755.83
- Race was cemented as a program for January and will be done again.
- Race had substantial crowd; winter month good from marketing standpoint.
- Had 90% of money before the race.

Freedom Fund

- Program expenses Freedom Fund Awards \$717.74.
- Christina Bostick, Ticket Chair, will track all ticket distribution.
- Major fundraising year to turn a profit.
- Trying to get every member of the Executive Board to get 1 table.

- Executive members will be responsible for tickets not sold for their table.
- Anticipated attendance is 500.
- Order tickets on line; or Event Brite; Tickets will not be sold at the door.
- April 20, 2018, is deadline to submit adds.
- Tight deadline to submit nominations.
- April 23, 2018, Martin's West needs our final numbers.
- Last year 434 attendees to Freedom Fund Breakfast.
- Want to have spoken word

President's Report

Needed Appointments:

- *Assistant Treasurer- April sick but interested
- *Chair of Faith and Religion; Rev. Davis resigned and Matthew Quainoo is present and interested.
- *Celebration Church Deputy Pastor present and honored to be part of meeting
- *Appointed new Assistant Treasurer because prior one didn't have time.

Recent Advocacy:

- *Recognize Bessie Bordenave for advocacy put behind Mission Road School.
- *A lens has been put on what's happening at Board Hearings.
- *Time it would take to build Mission Road School is 2022 or 2023 vs, 2026 at other location.
- *Jan 3, 2018, closed door meeting held by Board of Ed. to take Mission Road off the table; we don't know why.

Education

- Team is looking at Education; Comfortable with saving BSAP.
- Need to do a better job of checking Education Department
- 4 entities, the school district; county library; hospital systems all have different ways of practicing.
- There is no method for marketing out reach and retention for minority businesses.
- We have to take opportunities to raise these issues and drive them home.
- There are 13 people running for school board need to pay attention.
- SRO's are part of education budget; want to ensure they are used for proper services not put in middle schools.
- Some thought about a forum for School Board after the primary
- Looking at June 10, 2018, at Long Reach with candidates forum

President's Pitch

- We have limited marketing material.
- President has teams that can create tee shirts quickly and Graphic Designer acquaintance does artwork for free. If it gets too long we pay.
- Want to discuss putting more into our marketing material.
- Vista Print produces and turns around very quickly for \$200-\$300.
- ACT-SO also wants materials.
- We need professional items to get our message out.
- Pens; Bags; table pop-up displays; table covers; and other items.
- Bessie Bordenave- Let's get a couple of estimates from more than one company.
- Oriental Trading mentioned as potential company.

ACT-SO

- ACT-SO competition in April at Oakland Mills.
- Fast track pop-up and table covers for April.
- Need Branch Business Cards.
- President to send comparison of all options and send design for overview.

President

- We don't have Membership Chair. Looking for someone outgoing, organized, connected or wants to be connected.
- Recent situation consistent with what the National Organization charged us with; but this time it was Jack & Jill organization.
- Delegated responsibility to Public Safety Committee so President's hands aren't in everything.
- NAACP failed to contribute anything until the last minute
- Jetheda Hernandez of Jack and Jill is a professional and simply addressed what she would have liked.
- NAACP came through in the end because of members who stepped up including Lynda, Jennifer, Carol, and Kori.
- Continentals did an advertisement for NAACP for \$125.00. Bessie Bordenave and Frank Turner were awardees want to pay them back
- Buying ads creates reciprocity.
- 10 -\$1,000 scholarships to be given out at the Continental's event.

MOTION: Stephanie Wall made a motion to reimburse the Continentals \$125 for NAACP Ads. Jennifer Jones and Laura Johnson seconded the motion.

First Vice President

- Attended meetings for HWY 13; County executive and Bd. Of Ed. Meetings.
- Attended state of Howard Affair.

- County Executive announced Bessie Bordenave the New Director of Harriet Tubman Center.
- May 28, 2018, Harriet Tubman Foundation is doing a memorial and asked for flag that has been absent since 1965, to be raised.
- Harriet Tubman Foundation event recognized first and last graduates.
- County Executive Proclamation: September 15, 2018, is Harriet Tubman day.
- March 30, 2018, Good Friday is Fish Fry at Ridgley Run.
- March 24, 2018, game day at Ridgley Run; Spades, Pokeno etc.

Member Request for Funds

- Carol Fisher Appointed Head of Howard County Chapter of Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence.
- Bus to DC costs \$3,000 would like NAACP to sponsor asking \$200.
- Tomorrow is vote for banning bump stock.

MOTION: Bessie Bordenave moved to give \$250 sponsorship to Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence. Jennifer Jones seconded the motion.

Education Committee

- Attended School Safety Forum hosted by Superintendent.
- Safety concerns can be addressed by email safety hcpss
- A house bill 760 handgun opposes arming teachers.
- March 14 & 17 hosting a discipline forum at Wilde Lake High School and Long Reach High School respectively.
- Racial disparities and data regarding suspensions is an issue
- April 18, 2018, partnering with Counsel of Elders on Black Student Achievement.
- May- use general meeting for summer resource college assets and May 5, 2018, is a quarter auction.
- School system is going through budget issues;
- Laura Johnson provided written testimony at FY19 budget hearing;
- Can raise school impact fee to better manage budget.
- Housing Authority guides people here from across the country on HUD vouchers with no transitional support, which effects housing, economy and education.

Youth Counsel Committee

- Meeting this Thursday
- 3rd Advocacy training by Dr. Jones we will attend
- April 14th and 28th basketball shoot off planned to off set cost of National Convention.
- May 5, 2018, Youth Counsel to serve as host for jazz event.
- Need to accommodate kids, next month elections for advisor/youth offices.

- Advocacy training next month at State Conference in Virginia 2-day event.

Elder Initiative Committee

- Met at Wegmans to discuss Elder Empowerment Summit.
- September 22, 2018, from 10am-2pm is the date and time of the event.
- Doing a Mental Health panel about depression.
- Terri Hill is invited guest.

Legal Redress

- Handling issues concerning employment law, wrongful discharge at Kaiser and discriminatory behavior.
- Setting up Go-Fund me page for raising \$250,000 to sue Johns Hopkins.
- Maryland School of the Deaf treating black students differently.
- At racial profiling event noted serious communication failure between the community and police.
- Police report no reports of racial profiling received and any reports received are addressed internally.
- Suggestions that we should intercept complaints so there is no issue about whether incident occurred.

Website Committee

- Met with Education Committee.
- Can put information on website once received.

Motion: Carol Fisher made a motion to accept the executive committee minutes dated February 12, 2012. Stephanie Wall seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jennifer Jones and Stephanie Wall seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.