

NAACP Howard County  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes

Date: April 9, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

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

**Attendees:**

Yetta Roggerson

Colleen Hughes

Charles Franklin

Alicia Jones

Laura Johnson

Richard Shepherd

Jennifer Jones

Annie Foster

Willie Flowers

Lynda Earle

Stephanie Wall

Carole Fisher

Bessie Bordenave

Jenkins Odoms, Jr.

President

\*Overview of emergency executive conference call re: police in Middle Schools.

First Vice President

\*Attended Howard County Town Hall at Mt. Hebron with school Superintendent.

\*Went to Harriet Tubman Foundation Meeting.

\* Visited slave cabin off Mission Road to see if it can be preserved.

\*Attended History Day at River Hill High school.

\*Howard County Historical Society World War I presentation.

\*Howard County Sierra Club Howard County doing Harriet Tubman Fundraiser.

\*May 5, 2018, is community event at Ridgley run.

\*First Vice President Turned over her report and resigned.

Treasurers Report

- \* 3/31/18 cash assets 17,024.69
- Liabilities equal the same amount
- No outstanding obligations
- 1<sup>st</sup>. quarter activities 14,311.47
- Minimal activities from February through today.
- Memberships will show up as April transactions.

## Carole Fisher

Thanked the Executive Committee for supporting the March for Our Lives.

## Freedom Fund

- Thank you for ticket sales and nominations.
- Theme this year is Year of the Woman.
- Will have Gloria J. Browne-Marshall, former civil rights attorney and Theresa Harrison, Founder of George Street Services, inc. Cyber security solutions.
- Will have Morgan Band and Hammond Jazz Band.
- Will have Modern Spoken Word.

## President's Report

### School Board Straw Poll:

\*Discussed the Importance of the School Board race.

\*School Board race is non-partisan so Board office says it's okay to offer endorsement.

### Pitch

\*Create a straw poll for the election that would be membership based.

\* Candidates pushed to support NAACP.

\*New Board will be the Majority on the Board by 2022.

\*After this year no one has been on the board more than two years.

\*School Board is significant in this town. Runs a Multi-Million dollar business.

\*Straw Poll will allow members to vote on candidates. Top 8 in primary and 4 in general.

\*Non-Partisan race. Candidates don't have to choose a party to run; but they are affiliated with a party.

\*Mechanics: Membership rolls can vote; if not a member, then you must join to vote.

\*Suggestion: May 24, 2018, membership meeting might be a good time.

\*Call it Howard County Straw Poll.

\*Will need people to count ballots and man the Poll.

## Education

- Spoke with Dr. Martirano who agreed we need to think outside the box.
- Haven't heard nominees. Exploring co-hosting a school board candidate's forum with PTACH..
- Some organizations are waiting until post primary for a forum.
- President suggests before Primary we have higher pool of people.
- Speaking with PTACHC, SECAC, TCOE, HCPSS to host forums on equitable discipline practices.

## Committee Reports

- Two positions are open for VP.
- Mr. Franklin is now our First Vice President.
- Previously discussed April being the Assistant Treasurer.
- **April Offered for nomination by the President**
- **All members were in favor. Unanimous vote.**
- Second and third Vice President positions available
- **Jenkins Odoms, Jr. nominated Laura Johnson for second vice President**
- **Annie foster seconded the nomination. Unanimous vote.**
- Annapolis delegation report will be given at April membership meeting.

## ACT-SO

- ACT-SO spoke to youth and several will be joining.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> is next meeting.
- Nathaniel Austin, business owner spoke about being part of career day.
- March 24, 2018, is March for our lives.
- April 14 & 28 is 6-9 Basketball shoot off.
- Youth Council members will host Jazz brunch.
- The Mentoring sessions with Act-So kids are complete.
- April 21<sup>st</sup>, Oakland Mills Middle is having a competition with 30 students. Training starts at 8:00am. Judges and volunteers are needed.
- Act-So Award and showcase is June 10, 2018, at Locust United Methodist

## Education

- Third final Forum on effective discipline is on April 11, 2018.
- First two were about disparity on data and third is seeking solutions.
- Small work groups about cultural training and positive behavior.
- April 18, 2018, is the celebration of student achievement night with BSAP and the Counsel of Elders. NAACP will have a presence.
- April 24, 2018, Thomas Viaduct Middle School is hosting an equity Forum.
- Education pages are up thanks to Colleen populating the portal.
- President mentioned meeting with Superintendent following advocacy pertaining to Mission Road project and doing Non-traditional activities.
- Mission Road school outcome was beneficial to Superintendent so he wants us to be collaborative.
- Next meeting is April 16, 2018, at 6:30 at Thomas Viaduct.

## Elder Empowerment

- Summit scheduled for September 22, 2018, at the Florence Baines Center.
- We are partnering with Office of the Aging and they are paying.
- Officer Andre Lingham will talk about fraud and abuse.
- Terri Hill will talk about mental health.

### Housing Committee

- Housing symposium is scheduled for April 28, 2018, at Wilde Lake High School.
- Discuss homelessness issues and barriers to educating the community.
- Commissions that deal with issues in Howard County will be present
- There will be a legislative component.

### Economic Development

- Next meeting is on April 12, 2018, at 6:00pm Gorman Road.
- National Coalition of Reinvestment Conference (NCRC) upcoming
- Investing in the low and moderate communities is a priority.
- Effective Tool: Looks over area to see which banks are lending to minorities; home lending
- Can show colors of people getting the money in home lending.
- AACHC Forum connected with Steve Hunt who suggested a meeting with us and the Howard County Chamber and him.
- County has no set aside program for minorities, only an aspirational plan.
- Want to add job portal to the NAACP website.
- Colleen Hughes will place on website if she receives information.
- In August there is a black woman's equal payday.
- White men work from Jan-Dec to get a certain pay; white women work until April to get that same pay; but black women work until August.
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### President's Calendar

- On April 12, 2018, the President Willie Flowers will meet with the Grand Master from the Masonic Lodge at Utah Boulevard in Washington DC.
- 21<sup>st</sup> of May Jenkins Odoms Jr. is receiving a Doctorate from a Baltimore institution.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Jones and seconded by Annie Foster.**