

NAACP Howard County  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes

Date: June 18, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

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

**Attendees:**

Willie Flowers

Yetta Roggerson

Lynda Earle

Alicia Jones-McLeod

Paul W. Wharton

Elexis Lawson

Annie Foster

Charles Franklin

Isaac Allen

Kim Flowers, Stephanie Wall, Laura Johnson, April Harrison participated by conference call

Prayer

**Approval of the Agenda- Motion to accept agenda seconded by Annie Foster**

**President's Report**

- No committee meeting since Glenelg High school incident.
- The incident occurred right before the Ellicott City Flood.
- Disappointed people made it a hate thing. It happened around the Richard Collins anniversary.
- 2 responses to the incident were surprise and to blame young people.
- Superintendent had a strong position but the notion that jail is appropriate is not necessarily the way to help young people.
  
- Exciting News, we submitted a proposal for a grant to cover the cost of four delegates to the convention. The Horizon Foundation approved it and we are thankful.
  
- \$9,450.00 check from Horizon Center will help Delegates with airfare and housing.
- We need to look at alternative lines of funding because there is always something every month.
- The race is good but the participants probably won't come to any other events.
- Problem with Freedom Fund is recruiting and retaining a significant enough speaker.
- NAACP convention is a good place to invite people to Howard County. We need to pump up Freedom Fund banquet at the Convention.
  
- **MOTION: Charles Franklin moved to accept May 14, 2018, Executive Committee minutes. Stephanie Wall seconded the motion.**
  
- President - at Convention we need to make sure someone is at the voting sessions to see the whole process. There are Delegate reporting requirements.
- Need to discuss what to give as a per diem

- Youth Council has 4 delegates, 2 alternates and 2 advisors.
- Southwest air fare for ACT-SO is \$396.96; Hotel is \$180.00 per night, 2 rooms 4 nights \$630 each room. Total is \$2,567 including flights rooms and incidentals.
- MLK Race money was split with Act-So. Event management done by us but event was in the mane of ACT-SO. Raised close to \$8,000 but split it.
- Want to approve the \$2,567 to cover the cost of this trip. Some families are paying their own airfare and we would like to give them a donation toward the ticket.
- Branches sponsor ACT-SO program they don't really do fund raises but we need mentality of getting donations.
- **MOTION: Annie Foster moved to allocate funding to ACT-SO in the amount of \$2,567 to cover the cost of the airfare and rooms for the convention. Yetta Roggerson seconded the motion.**
- **Youth Council**
- Youth Council did raise some funds and has money in the treasury.
- Want to be funded at least the same as ACT-SO
- We have 6 kids going on the trip for 6 days from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of July.
- **MOTION: Paul Wharton moved that Youth Council be funded \$2,500 for the convention trip. Elexis Lawson seconded the motion.**
- There was discussion about having fundraisers that include non-NAACP people and that one open door night could fund the entire trip.
- Laura Johnson had pleasure of speaking with Paul Wharton about coming up with plan around fundraising and education initiatives.  
Thursday May 17, 2018, discussed events attended.
- Friday June 29, 2018 is the year-end event.
- We will be Hosting people from less fortunate backgrounds and providing a meal for them.
- Letter presented approving Paul Wharton as new youth advisor.
- June 2, 2018, will participate in the Oakland Mills Community Fair.
- Sunday June 10, 2018, The Youth Council supported the ACT-SO awards event at Locust Grove UMC.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> the Youth Council was represented at the "Pull up your Pants" event for young men sponsored by Fresh, Inc. in Bladensburg, MD.
- **MOTION: Annie Foster moved to give \$500.00 for the entire delegation to be able to do a dinner or luncheon with attendees. Alicia McLeod seconded the motion.**

### **President**

- There is a lot of election year activity but we don't have a stable political affairs director.
- We did do a straw poll ballot for Bd. Of Ed. Candidates and have been passing out names of the winners.
- Straw Poll was a test to create a model not an endorsement but candidates can say they presented at our meeting.
- Hopefully all of the Straw Poll winners win. Asking people to drop of flyers wherever you go.
- Straw Poll was inside the organization but it gives us another level of Marketing and branding.
- We don't have the infrastructure to endorse but hope it will be larger later. We can't endorse candidates; but we can highlight issues of importance to us.
- Want stronger infrastructure.

- General election we need to go to low performing jurisdictions and speak about voting.
- In 2012 Youth Council partnered with First Baptist of Gilbert to take seniors to the polls.
- After the election we can design what we can do in June and July until November.
- Suggestion that there be a surveying feed back and that we share why we voted for the people that we did.
- County Council will only have one returning member and everyone will be new on the Board of Education with no more than two years. Whatever our Agenda is what we will judge them on.

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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Last Thursday EBOC talked about certification in Howard County on purchasing. Educated us on where the money is to do purchasing.
- July 12, 2018 is next meeting with Calvin Ball presenting at GE.
- August 7, 2018, Sill Fire Grill in Fulton will be a happy hour for equal pay for women.
- September 27, 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday EBOC, Economic Development and procurements is coming in during meeting.

#### **ELDER EMPOWERMENT**

- September 22, 2018, Florence Baines Center is the Elder Empowerment summit.
- Sent letter and save the date to go out on July 1, 2018, with a postcard and follow-up letter.
- Someone from Grass roots and delegate Terri Hill will be speaking as well a Andre Lingham from the police department
- Want question and answer about mental health and depression.
- 80 came last year looking to double that amount.

#### **EDUCATION**

- Planning for Education Forum.
- June 7, 2018 follow up on suspension and discipline forum. Action plan created to follow up.
- June 21, 2018, presentation at Board of Ed. Looking at strategies around data.
- July planning meeting will get ready for school year.  
Laura Johnson was asked to serve on the Mission Road Advisory Counsel.

#### **HOUSING**

- The April 28, 2018 Symposium event at Wilde Lake High School was a high quality event and a good first time effort.
- Experts in the field of housing were there to discuss legislative issue and downtown housing
- Probably should not have been a full day maybe only half a day
- Meetings are second Tuesday at Wild Lake Starbucks from 6-7pm.

#### **ACT-SO**

- Successful awards event at Locust Church. 75 attendees. Award recipients received \$50.00.
- Received \$200.00 in donations. Real good PR positive for the community and young ladies showed their skills.
- Looking forward to winning the Gold at the convention.

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**HEALTH**

- Sponsored a Co-ed Basketball event with the Youth Council Saturday May 19, 2018, at Wilde Lake High School called "Hoopin for Teen Health"
- Able to raise \$500.00. This will be an annual event.

**PRESIDENT**

- We took up a donation for membership for the youth council at the last general meeting so that they don't have to pay on the front end.
- Branch Elections are in November so if interested in running get it together.
- We discussed making the MLK 5K race official.
- Work more closely with the three days of King events.
- MLK Commission event is Sunday and the Day of Service is Monday. Need to market a package to increase numbers.
- Saturday before the holiday might be a good time for the race. January 19th 2019.
- Lets Make It Happen!!!
- Early October we have an opportunity to have a County Executive debate.
- Don Cash and Dr. Odom are covering their own expenses for the convention. Would like to give them a per diem of \$600.00.

**MOTION: Annie foster moved to give a \$300.00 per diem to Don Cash and Dr. Jenkins Odom for the convention. Alicia McLeod seconded the motion.**

**MOTION: Alicia McLeod moved to adjourn the meeting. Annie Foster seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.**