

NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: July 09, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

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

Attendees:

Willie Flowers
Yetta Roggeron
Lynda Earle
Alicia Jones-McLeod
Paul W. Wharton
Elexis Lawson
Kim Flowers,
Stephanie Wall
Mark Brooks
Don Cash
Becca Niburg
Carole Fisher
Jennifer Jones
Mike Butera
Christina Bostick

Approval of the Agenda- Kim Flower's Motion to approve the agenda was seconded

President's Report

- Many people worked on the Primary need to talk about what we can do at the next General Body meeting to discuss how things went.
- 3 out of 4 straw poll winners made it to the general election.
- We will have a completely new School Board and County Council if things don't change.
- Hiruy will be taking over as Chair of the Political Affairs Committee.
- No one thought what happened in the first district could happen. The issue is not absentee ballots and provisional ballots; they will recount everything.
- Last meeting we discussed having a County Executive debate and have committee chairs ask questions. Look forward to this in the fall.
- Spoke to CEO of the Y Central Maryland who is open to hosting the event.
- We were asked to do an advertisement for the Harriet Tubman event. Add is \$50. Table is \$750 to honor Dorothy Craft.
- **MOTION:** Kim Flowers moved to fund a table and Add for the celebration honoring Dorothy Craft at the Harriet Tubman event. Stephanie Wall seconded the motion.
- **MOTION:** Mark Brooks moved to cover the cost of the Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation Scholarship Tournament, which is \$550. The motion was seconded with all in favor and none opposed.
- **MOTION:** Becca Niburg moved to contribute \$450 for African American Round Table health fair for audiovisual DJ and sound. Everyone pitched in; our job was audiovisual. Kim Flowers seconded the motion. None were opposed.

- Convention is next week. Horizon Foundation provided coverage for the convention through a grant. Funding will cover hotel rooms and airfare.
- Thank you to the leadership of the delegation for paying expenses. We voted to provide a stipend.
- Don Cash provided an excellent overview of the convention, the NAACP and how it all works.
- Membership is the key then fundraising. Put funding into programs that people can see. If you sit on the board then you have to bring in money. In the past every national member on the board had to bring in \$1,000.
- National gets \$18.00 of every membership fee. Branches get \$12.00. For some branches the Freedom Fund is the only way to raise funds.
- NAACP attracts everyone and is inclusive.
- **MOTION:** Kim Flowers moved to approve executive committee minutes dated June 18, 2018. Don Cash seconded the motion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Calvin Ball will be at the meeting on Thursday July 12, 2018, at 6:00pm at GE Bldg. 8880 Gorman Road In Savage to talk about economic development.
- EBOC minority business will focus on the schools next. There are no set aside programs for minority businesses.
- August 7, 2018, from 5:00-8:00pm will be happy hour at Steel Fire Grille to honor women's equal payday.
- September 27, 2018, the Economic Development Committee will be taking over a general meeting to present on work force and economic development.

ELDER EMPOWERMENT

- September 22, 2018, 10:00am-2:00pm at the Florence Baines Center there will be an Elder Empowerment Forum. Terri Hill will be participating as well as HCPD.

LEGAL REDRESS

- A lot of traction in the Henrietta Lacks case.
- Working on Guardianship petitions with the idea that cells can sue Johns Hopkins.

TECHNOLOGY AND AUTOMATION

- Mike Butera has agreed to research technology and Artificial Intelligence impact on labor, jobs, information and changing opportunities for minority community.
- Want to meet with Economic Development and school district and come back with a set of policies.
- We need to look at what political policies need to take effect and how to ensure that the existing community has a real legitimate chance to prosper.
- Need volunteers for the committee

PRESIDENT

- At General membership meeting in July open to having a meeting talking just about the primary and what to do for the up coming general elections.
- We can look at each district and election results. 1st District is the most dramatic. 5 Districts and school board to discuss.
- We want to increase voter turn out. Free and fair elections.
- The City had some issues with polls opening late and names not being on the ballot. One polling place opened at 10:00am in Baltimore.

- What would County Executive debate look like? Each committee would pose questions. Potential dates are October 3, 2018 and October 13, 2018.
- There will be a push up challenge in October or November
- November 29, 2018, is branch election for members. Last day of my first term.
- All Executive positions are open. 10 at large positions. 5 men and 5 women last time.
- For at large and committee chair positions you don't have to run; the Quality of work will determine if you come back.
- Need to start planning for MLK 5K.
- We raised Almost \$10.000 last year; but we can do better.
- Turkey Day classic football game is on November 18th. Flag Football.
- Summer Cookout proposed date of August 25, 2018. Location TBA.
- **MOTION**: Kim Flowers moved to contribute \$500 towards a summer cookout. Becca Niburg seconded the motion. None opposed.
- **MOTION**: Kim Flowers moved to adjourn the meeting. Alicia Jones McLeod seconded the motion.