

NAACP Howard County  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes

February 11, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Willie Flowers.

Attendees:

Prayer was given by Reverend Barbara Morton. Guilford First Baptist Church

Mark Brooks Health Committee  
Colleen Marketing  
Charles Franklin, BOD at Large  
Bessie ACT-SO  
Becca N. at Large  
Herb Smith Pol Affairs  
Mike Buttera IT Task Force  
Dr. Damon Smith (guest)

Update from Willie Flowers

African American Community Roundtable Meeting

During the School Board Meeting there was an issue with Black Lives Matter. The group presented a resolution from Black Lives Matter HoCo to the school board. Some members didn't see the resolution/didn't have enough time to review. The resolution was presented and there were questions about the process causing 3 school board members to abstain.

Pres. of AACR took a strong position being critical of the 3 school board members who abstained. Willie does not want to involve the NAACPHC with this issue.

Some question about where the NAACPHC was on this issue. Willie does not want to be involving the NAACP. Have questions re: African American Community Roundtable.

The organization came about in February 2012 since at that time they felt the NAACP was not active. Mike asked about the mission. Bessie B. Spoke to the committees and the make up. Similar to the make up of the NAACP. There are 38 organizations in the Howard county area and are brought together at the Roundtable. It is \$100/organization to be a member. Do activities around with a number of groups including schools.

WF asked - Should we continue to be a part of this organization?

The difference is that they are a group of organizations whereas we are a group with individual members.

BB made a motion to continue for the next 6 months and then to revisit at the Executive Committee Meeting the discussion to leave. CF seconded the motion.

Mike B. & Mark Brooks- voted abstain. Otherwise all members voted in favor.

Youth Council Advisor resigned. The person next in line was not eligible to replace him so the group is in limbo. The new advisor will be elected in March. There is a significant program - collaboration with NSBE - launching now. National Conference is next month and NSBE Members who are part of the Youth Council (4 attendees) need financial support for the trip (approx. \$700 per person includes registration and travel) Conference is in Detroit, MI.

WF suggested we consider supporting the members to attend the conference by making a financial contribution. Not supporting chaperones.

**ASJM made a motion to contribute \$200 per attendees for the 4 youth council/NSBE participants to cover partial costs to attend the conference. Mike Butera seconded. Unanimous vote in support of this motion.**

ACT-SO reported by WF - is getting off the ground. WF met with the Howard County Library President. COO is behind the STEM initiative. They need to expand and need our support on this initiative.

Met with new police chief. Swearing in ceremony at 6 PM. George Howard Building this Wednesday. Ahanti's Law was triggered by a resolution at the 2017 MSC conference. and became a law. Closed a gap for Amber Alert for those between the ages of 19-Senior Citizen. This is a federal law.

Financial Report was distributed. The race was not as profitable as we thought it would be. Mark B. Thought it went really well. WE need to have the flyers 6 months out and put it on the race calendars for next year as early as possible.

People's Resiliency Campaign Update - trying to add to the campaign. A part of it is to tell the story to especially young people.  
Parts of the Campaign...

1. Tell our story
2. Mentorship in various forms
3. Amplify the STEM initiatives.

Black Expo is this weekend at Long Reach High School. From 12PM - 5PM. Saturday, Feb. 16. Mark can do it from 12-1 PM. Herb also volunteered. Volunteers can wear shirts from NAACP race and membership. There are 6 volunteers.

Freedom Fund flyers can be produced by this weekend. Save the date cards are going to the printer and they will be available for distribution this week.

#### Committee Reports

ACTSO - Bessie B. Report was distributed.  
In addition she reported she will also show some videos of the previous activities for parents to see what ACT-SO is.

Mature Active Adult Committee - Elexis Lawson  
Reported she would like to change the committee name from Older Adult Initiative to Mature Active Adult. Elexis Lawson made a motion and Becca seconded. WF said no motion is needed for the name to change. Name is changed.

September 28, 2019 is the Elder Empowerment Summit.  
Report was distributed.

Herb Smith - Went to legislative day in Annapolis. He will send out the list of the legislative days and board meetings. NAACP MSC Action Day. Harriet Tubman Community Center and Museum passed for vote for funding \$500,000 bond and matched by county funds. Gateway Innovation Center passed for more work and financial support. (HCEDA was provided a bond for \$500,000) Affordable Housing for Howard County Early Childhood Education Center passed for \$50k and now will proceed to local hearing. School Board Members will now be elected by district not county wide. HCSB determined the school board calendar. Housing Commission is looking to bring in more subsidies.

Mike Buterra - 2/27 next task force meeting. Met with a fellow from Brookings Institute to have them agree to be part of the forum. Forum will be in November.

Mark Brooks will host Health Committee Summit in July 2019. Would like it to be a part of the general membership meeting.

W. F will Research ads for Columbia Flier and local papers.

Colleen Marketing & Membership are meeting as a combined committee meeting. She had a written report.

Membership group would like a membership goal. WF stated it is 1000. Elexis would like the youth person from WFD to be invited to the meeting.

WF asked for Bessie to present on ACT-SO, youth, etc. at the next general body meeting in February.

Econ. Dev

Religious Affairs Committee - would like to know what religious organizations are already members of NAACP.

Census and State Voting Redistricting  
We need another co-chair.

Christine Legislative Chair

Accepted into NextGen program. 3 major trainings (1 in Annapolis in March and then Chicago and Detroit later in the year). There is one other woman from NAACP.

She has come across 2 different cases with kids both are bullying cases.

Henrietta Lacks case is also proceeding. Some JHU students would like to name some technology after her and reached out. They would like to name this technology to empower people to control their own DNA and cells. BB asked about the connection to HoCo on Henrietta. Because her law firm is based here it is included in HoCo.

She plans on writing an open letter about racial issues going on in the county. Could publish something regarding incidents happening across the county.

WF Silas Craft we have donated to it in the past and was a principal and the scholarship fund support students at HCC. We have budgetedd \$500 to contribute as a sponsor. The event is on March 11 at 5:30 **PM. BB motions to support the \$500 on Silas Craft and Mike B seconded. The \$500 contribution was supported and comes with tickets. It passed unanimously.**

**Motion: at least one formal Exec Committee meeting each quarter other monthly meetings by conference call. Mark B seconded. all are in favor.**

Committee Chairs need to Send in dates and budgets for committee work by General Body Meeting on 2/28.

2/23 Harriet Tubman 11-2 Program at the Harriet Tubman

**Mark made motion BB seconded \$50 for Black Expo \$20 Harriet Tubman Becca. And mike seconded. Unanimous**

**Mike motioned to adjourn at 8:13 PM and Elexis Seconded.**

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