

NAACP Howard County
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes

Date: June 10, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

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

Attendees:

Willie Flowers
Lynda Earle
Elexis Lawson
Mark Brooks
Mike Butera
Colleen Hughes
Charles Franklin
Gregory Lawrence
Richard Shepherd
Christina Bostick
Charnell Ferguson

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Executive Reports

President's Report

- At the Town Hall people had an opportunity to be heard. It cannot be said that the NAACP does nothing.
- The family of Ronald Carolina Jr. appreciated the Town Hall and felt that we respected the legacy of their son.
- There was a lot of discussion about recreation centers at the Town Hall. Delegate Hill mentioned that she remembers when fights would break out at rec. centers.
- Baines center is now under construction but once completed they are willing to open it up after hours once seniors leave.
- Suggestion that we compile a catalog of resources. Y of Central Maryland had scholarships and Police have a free program for youth.
- There are too many silos and agencies that are not talking to each other.
- Most organized agency after hours is the police. There is also a Multi-Service Center open until 7 in Laurel. FIRN has a presence there and a few other agencies.

- HCPSS 2016-2019 graduation rate was studied. Asian graduation and White graduation rates were consistently high. African American rates were at a steady low and those on assisted food and meals were even lower.
- Numbers will improve if we deal with the housing issue.
- We promote equity and inclusion but the numbers aren't changing and there is never enough money for BSAP, Latino initiatives or MESA.
- We can't tackle these issues with the same rules.
- We want to expand the youth job situation for students in Howard County.
- We need to reach out to the Y who has scholarship money for camps; the CA; Parks and Rec.; Work Force development; Boy Scouts and girl Scouts and Community Resource Services.

- There's no accountability when young people are getting killed. If we don't prepare for what is coming we will get the same thing as the City. We can't be the only ones talking about it.
- The Equity Report recently came out. Several schools already had meetings. FARM and Housing is a problem.
- We need to discuss whether the June meeting will address the potential resources and feedback from the Town Hall or follow up on the equity report in some way.
- We will plan to discuss the equity report. FARMS and Section 8 Housing play into that.

- **Treasurer**

- Covering This year through May 31st. Balance and loss break down of the Freedom Fund
- Operating income is \$4,359 with \$889.83 in PayPal.
- Money accrued is mostly as a result of the Freedom Fund and 5K Race.
- There was a 39,000 gain from Freedom Fund ticket sales but an Estimated \$6,000 is still outstanding.
- We got \$1260 back because we didn't use projector screens.
- Total program expenses were 25, 105.06
- Our net income is 4,359.00
- We didn't lose money on the event. Fund raising events need to be assessed and money has to be given to the national office.
- We need a tighter cost control and control on how its rolled out
- Significant profit comes not from ticket sales; but rather from ads and sponsorship.

- **President**

- The National Convention is the last week in July and the Goal was to get a diverse balance of 8 delegates to represent at the Convention.
- The Delegates are Christine Bostick, Laura Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Stephanie Wall, Willie Flowers, Charles Franklin, Gregory Lawrence, and Dr. Jenkins Odom. Delegates can change at any time. The alternates are Louise Manns and Bessie Bourdenave, Kurt Wall and Kori Jones.
- We are seeking a Horizon Grant that would defray the cost of the Convention. We will only have to pay for food. We find out in two weeks whether we get it.
- Total amount per person is about \$1,000. Worse case scenario if we don't get the grant we will give a stipend.

- **MOTION: Mike Butera made a Motion to supplement \$400 per delegate if we don't receive the Horizon grant. Charles Franklin seconded the motion.**

- **ACT-SO**

- 7 youth and 2 advisors going to the Convention. Haven't confirmed cost yet.
- Numbers for them are about \$700 plus airfare. Would like to discuss giving \$8,000 to cover them.
- **MOTION: Mark Brooks made a motion to give \$8,000 to ACT-SO for purposes of going to the convention. Mike Butera seconded the Motion. All were in favor.**
- **MOTION: Charles Franklin made a motion to provide the Youth Council with \$1,000 allowance for their National Convention participation. Mike Butera seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

- **Elder Empowerment**

- September 28, 2019, at the North Laurel Community Center in partnership with the Office of the Aging we will host our elder Empowerment summit from 10:00am-2:00pm in the Chesapeake room.

- Ernestine Shepherd, a senior body builder will get the seniors up and moving
- We will have a Chiropractor speaking about physical health and someone will discuss mental health.
- Delegate Teri Hill will discuss aging in place.
- Our focus will be on Mental and Physical health.
- There will be 20 vendors
- Officer Lingham will be invited back
- Our Theme is self care, loving you, loving others
- Two doctors will be speaking on issues including exercise and the effects on brain function.
- We meet every 4th Friday.

- **Public Safety**
 - Tomorrow at 11:00am will be meeting with Department of Corrections on Waterloo Road
 - Fire Department had promotions and 2 Chiefs were promoted. One is an African American.
 - Meeting with the Fire Chief in July.

- **Technology**
 - Next meeting will be on June 20th.
 - Believe that we have survey monkey account to utilize for planned membership survey.

- **Legal Redress**
 - Handling the case of a woman that feels she was discriminated against at a 7-11 store on Rt. 1. There are 3 active cases.
 - Handling issues involving the school system. Parents and the public are able to request a walk through of the schools if requested in advance.

- **Marketing**
 - Erika is working with the Golf tournament and is looking for sponsors.
 - Marketing and Membership is doing well combined.
 - New email web@howardcountynaacp.com

- **Secretary**
 - **MOTION: Mike Butera moved to accept and adopt the Executive Committee Meeting minutes dated May 13, 2019. Mark Brooks seconded the motion.**
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- **President:**
 - President Flowers has been recruited to run for State Conference President at the end of the year.
 - If he wins he wouldn't take office until 2020
 - The State President is not running again but the Vice President may be running.
 - We would be promoting the Howard County structure for the entire State.

- **MOTION: Motion was made by Mike Butera to adjourn the meeting and Mark Brooks seconded the motion.**