

NAACP Howard County  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Minutes

Date: April 6, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Tele-Conference due to Covid-19

**Attendees:**

Willie Flowers

Stephanie Wall

Laura Johnson

Charles Franklin

Becca Niburg

Mike Butera

Colleen Hughes

Kori Jones

Dr. Barbara Morton

**President's Report and Agenda**

- 1) **Future Meetings-** Discussed what to do about future meetings under these Covid-19 social distancing circumstances. Discussed the potential of using Zoom video communications.
- The Resiliency Campaign should be front and center with use of the Hashtag Resilient and Ready.
- Would like to conduct a Town Hall on April 21, 2020, to discuss elections.
- The Community Ecology Institute has been providing plots and spaces to various groups and organizations. The NAACP has a plot on which we have kale and collards growing within the bigger garden.
  
- 2) **Membership Reporting-**
  
- 3) **Fundraising-**
- a) Freedom Fund- Freedom Fund Brunch has been re-scheduled to Saturday September 26, 2020. We are seeking sponsorships. We have several vendors already.
- b) Online Appeals- There is an opportunity to buy tickets on line, to become a sponsor and to nominate awardees.
  
- 4) **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- a) Programs
- b) Execution

- **Education**
- Board of Education candidates' forum had to be rescheduled due to Covid-19. We are hoping to reschedule the forum for May 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers are being trained for distance learning. High Schools are set to go live around April 14, 2020 and Elementary and Middle Schools will follow thereafter.
- Comcast will be providing assistance and services in an attempt to help provide access.
- **Technology**
- Still interested in and working on sending a survey out to the membership about what people want to see from the NAACP.
- **Marketing**
- We will keep providing the newsletter. The newsletter will keep us updated on the elections and on census information.

### **Religious**

The present situation regarding Covid-19 is hitting various church organizations very hard. The fundraising aspect has been affected by the loss of the bi-weekly gathering.

We are investigating which churches are actually involved with and part of the NAACP in hopes of collaboration.

- **5) 2020 Elections:** November  
The special election for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat once held by the late Elijah Cummings will still be held on April 28, 2020, by mail.  
The Primary is now scheduled to be held on June 2, 2020. We need to get the word out.  
Rev. Dr. Morton has agreed to contact Guy Mickley to invite him to participate in the April 21, 2020, Town Hall to discuss the mail-in-ballot procedures and dates.  
The Census is happening right now. We need to have people participating in educating others and encouraging people to submit the Census.
- **6) State Conference** - State Conference is expected to be held in Howard County, Maryland this year.
- **7) Youth:** ACTSO & Youth Council
- Normally, around the time that students graduate they have their youth elections. Now the elections will have to be pushed to November due to the current circumstances.
- There was a suggestion and discussion about paying \$200 to up grade to Zoom conferencing in order to hold Town Hall meetings
- Stephanie and Becca agreed to call and reach out to the seniors in our branch.

