

NAACP Howard County Branch
Executive Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes

Date: August 17, 2020

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom call due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Freedom Summer Days Event update

- Suggestion to stagger the event instead of doing it in one weekend.
- Maybe have a live concert the following Saturday or a Town Hall.
- Church to be confirmed for next week
- Discussion about Internet access and use of hot spots depending on how strong a signal we have.
- Willie to contact Featherstone. Discussion about needing a generator.
- Discussion about whether the movie 13th can be downloaded and whether there are any licensing issues.
- Mr. Bobby Rex indicated the movie is downloadable.
- Dr. Morton volunteered to ask an acquaintance about using their DVD copy of the film.
- Need to vote on project amount

- **MOTION: Mike Butera made a motion to approve \$200 to obtain 100 chairs. The motion was seconded.**

- Discussion about \$500 for the band next week and \$50 for the church.

- **MOTION: Mike Butera made a motion to approve \$1500 toward the Freedom Summer Days Event. Janssen Evelyn seconded the motion.**

- **Delegate Process**

- Laura Johnson, Greg Lawrence, Tiquoria, Chuck Fuller, Keisha Shepherd, Tracey Pew and Willie Flowers have expressed interest in being delegates. Need to double check whether Stephanie is going. Janssen Evelyn will serve as a second alternate.

- **MOTION: Mike Butera moved to approve \$240 to support the delegates. Janssen Evelyn seconded the motion.**

- Kori asked about how youth delegates are being handled.

- **MOTION- Laura Johnson moved to approve \$300 to support the youth delegates. Kori Jones seconded the motion.**
- **Campaign 2020**
 - We need to pump up activity around the elections.
 - Quincy Coleman is a Judge who is trying to get elected
 - School Board selections are significant to the future of the School Board.
 - There are difficult controversies surrounding the post office. This can be a rallying point.
 - We have to be visible!
 - No money has been put forth toward the election. Need to put the word out whether paper or electronic ballots.
 - Need finances for collateral material like banners and to remind people to vote.
 - We talked about Board elections at Education Committee meeting. Need to put a slate of recommendations forward.
 - Bobby Rox suggested \$1500 to put toward the efforts
 - Laura Suggested creating a tip card about what to look out for regarding voting and making sure votes are counted.
- **MOTION: Lynda Earle made a motion to approve \$1500 to go toward the election campaign work. Mike Butera seconded the motion.**
- **Freedom Fund**

There were earlier discussions about being flexible regarding how we move forward with the Freedom fund including looking at a weekend date.

 - Letters were sent asking people if we can use their Freedom Fund contributions to go toward the “We are Done Dying” Campaign.
 - The letters did not indicate that we were changing the date to Spring 2021. The letters did not go to individuals who paid by Eventbrite.
 - Money is still in Eventbrite for the Freedom Fund.
 - Laura mentioned that we should communicate something to Eventbrite purchasers also.
 - Willie asked that something be drafted that says we are delaying Freedom Fund until next May.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Education-** Laura Johnson
 - On August 27th at 6:30 there will be an overview of the school opening plan presented at School Board Meeting.
 - Public program around how to get everyone prepared for school what everyone needs to know
 - Kori shared that there is a professional development with Parks and Rec. that is a component of the back to school training for the program.

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- **Youth-** Kori Jones
- Anticipating the resignation of the Youth Council President as she transitions to college.
- First VP Zion will transition into that space
- Youth Council and adult branch are moving into a partnership with the free bikes for kids initiative.
- We want to make sure we get to children who are in need; but also who can help to distribute.

- **Pipeline Report-** Tiquoria
- New members are needed and chairs and co chairs for committees
- So far we have interest for Economic Development (Timothy Martin); Housing Committee (Keisha Shepard and Tiffany); Community Coordination (Alicia and Janssen); Voter Registration and empowerment (Kori and Sarah)

- **Technology-** Mike Butera
- There is an AI for everybody initiative to learn how to use AI.
- Charles Franklin asked about feed back from the technology survey.
- We are waiting for colleen to come back to share results.

- **MOTION: Kori Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rev. Dr. Morton seconded the motion.**

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