

# NAACP Howard County General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Wilde Lake Middle School Media Center, 10481 Cross Fox Lane Md. 21044

## **Introduction**

### **President's Report**

\*We had a successful convention run.

\*Region 7 did elections for officers. We were successful in getting 4-5 officers.

\*ACT-SO presented at the convention

\*We organized a State Delegate Reception.

\*There was an incident concerning a blogger who created a story about racial profiling at the Wilde Lake CVS. It was taken seriously and there was no over reaction; we worked to be pro-active.

\*Stephanie Wall responded and guided the direction of the matter. Through investigation and interview it was discovered that the allegations were false.

\* There was a lot of effort to castigate police and elected leaders.

\*We did what we could to expedite the matter in a professional manner.

**\*MOTION: Dr. Odom moved to approve the agenda. Stephanie Wall seconded the motion.**

### **FREEDOM FUND**

\*There will be a meeting at Little Patuxent Community Outreach Building.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

\*Had a great meeting on economic development with Calvin Ball.

\*August 7, 2018, equal payday for women event at Steel Fire Grille.

### **EDUCATION:**

\* New Elkridge Branch Library 6:30 meeting Monday

### **ACT-SO**

\*Celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> year of ACT-SO in Texas July 12-15<sup>th</sup>.

\*Over 600 gold medal winners at the convention from around the country competing in 32 categories.

\*HC had 5 students in 8 different categories.

- \*4 parents traveled to the convention.
- \*ACT-SO continues to solicit support.
- \*ACT-SO planning committee met and developed some fundraising goals and strategies for 2018-2019. (ACT-SO Showcase: requesting community members and local businesses to sponsor a student; prepare grants; online giving/PayPal account).

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- \*Ms. Bloomfield, Mother of ACT-SO student who participant and attended the convention expressed concern about a lack of organization and guidance for the HC students and parents especially when compared to how other groups appeared to engage.
- \*She was under the impression that they would be compensated for expenses.
- \*She noted that all students were from Howard High School; but did not know each other and did not have a meeting with the ACT-SO leaders in order for the students to get to know each other. After local events, she only saw the Chair and Co-chair at the award ceremony.
- \*Mother wanted a better experience for people going to the nationals.
- \*Amaya, the daughter who participated in the photography competition was grateful for the experience; but was disappointed that it was not better organized.

#### **TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE**

- \*Need more volunteers.
- \*Working on Algorithm data, which has built in bias by race and gender.
- \*Planning on meeting with various relevant departments and having a report in the fall.

**MOTION: Motion was made to approve and accept the June 28, 2018, general membership minutes. Motion was seconded.**

- \*Stephanie Wall pointed out that the convention was energizing; but we have a lot of work to do and that the nation is in trouble.

#### **PRESIDENT**

- \*Wanted to do an outtake on election trends.
- \*From last year's election with CV9 legislation effected this election especially in District 1.
- \*Panel of people involved with elections were invited to speak about experiences.

\*The remainder of the meeting consisted of a spirited and often times heated discussion about the primary elections.

\*The panelists were Paul Baicich (Our Revolution); Lisa Markovitz (Ethics Ballot); Herb Smith (DCCC); Frank Mirabile (RCCC); and 2018 County Executive Representatives Duane Carey (Kittleman Campaign); Jennifer Jones (Ball Campaign)

**\*MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Baicich. Stephanie Wall seconded the motion.**