

# NAACP Howard County General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 25, 2018

Time: 6:30pm

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

## **Introduction**

### **President's Report**

\*The President was contacted by Wilde Lake High School about a missing young lady who is a Wilde Lake student. One of the reasons the NAACP meetings are now held at Wilde Lake is to be closer to the youth in order to help.

\*Police could not give all the details; but eventually found out that the student couldn't stay in the home situation.

\*The good news is that the student's status has changed from missing to a run away.

\*Teamwork and the school contacting the police and the NAACP, created a collective effort.

\*There was some anxiety because of what happened with the missing schoolteacher at Wilde Lake.

\*The President is looking forward to the next two years and thanked the people who are staying on to serve.

\* The President reminded everyone that this is the last opportunity to put your name in for an at large position.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

\*Nominating Committee opened the floor for further nominations after they presented their recommendations for executive office and membership at large as follows:

#### **Executive Board**

\*President- Willie Flowers

\*1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President- Christina Bostick

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Laura Johnson

\*3<sup>rd</sup>. Vice President- Hiruy Hadgu

\* Secretary- Jennifer Jones

\*Assistant Secretary- Lynda Earle

\*Treasurer- Richard Shepherd

\*Assistant Treasurer- April Harrison

### Members at Large

Stephanie Wall; Greg Lawrence: Charles Franklin; Don Cash; Mike Butera; Alicia Jones McLeod; Dr. Jenkins Odoms; Paul Wharton; Colleen Hughes; Becca Niburg;  
\* Denise Wright, Crystal Winters and Saif Rehman were nominated to be members at large.

**\*MOTION: Motion was made to adopt and accept the Nominating Committee's report nominating the members of the Executive Board and Members at Large. The Motion was seconded and carried by the president.**

\*Yetta Rogerson volunteered to be on the Election Supervisory Committee. There will be five members on the supervisory committee.

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\*Dr. Odom shared that 18 years ago the NAACP was included in church space. Dr. Odom indicated that Guilford Baptist Church is preparing to have office space for the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Howard County NAACP.

\*Catherine Kirk Robins, Deputy Director of Maryland Citizen's Health Initiative gave a presentation on Prescription Drug Affordability.

### **Education Committee**

\*The First Breakfast of the Education of Champions was held on October 16, 2018.

\*Dr. Martirano gave a fiery speech and we welcomed the new CEO for the Library.

\*We raised \$2,500.

\*Laura Johnson thanked everyone.

\*Dr. Kevin Gilbert is leading in Diversity and Equity Inclusion. Discipline, dress code and school climate are also being addressed. There is also a school mental health advisory board.

\*Next meeting is November 20, 2018.

### **20-40 Committee**

\*Kori Jones shared that there will be a young professionals event at Union Jacks. All are invited.

### **Technology Committee**

\*We met with Dr. Gilbert, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for HCPS.

\*We will be submitting questions in order to obtain more specific data related to minority student participation in math and science by grade level and by school.

\*Also, how much does the school system know about access to the Internet away from school?

\*We met with Steven Barbato, Executive Director/CEO of the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association.

\*We are seeking their assistance on the appropriate level and standards that schools should meet in making advanced math and science courses.

\*We are working with the Brookings Institute on governing the emerging Digital Economy and its impact on minority communities.

\*We provided President Flowers with a draft resolution for our delegation to consider and potentially take to the State Convention.

We are still looking for interested parties to join the task force.

### **Elder Empowerment Committee**

\*Elder Empowerment Summit was on September 22, 2018.

\*50 folks came out.

\*Charles, Jennifer and Annie were a great help and made a great team. Elexis Lawson expressed a huge Thank you!!

\*We had 50 people, 20 community partners and 5 businesses. We had a mental health panel.

\*The event was Awesome!

### **Health Committee**

\*The health committee distributed a survey in order to gauge what topics we would like to hear about.

### **Secretary**

Minutes for the September 27, 2018 general membership meeting were corrected to replace the word "convention" with the word "conference." The September 27, 2018 minutes were approved and adopted as amended.

### **Announcements**

\*This Sunday on the Harpers Choice Middle School Lawn there will be a pre-election fair from 1:00pm-5:00pm.

\*The health care job fair will be at the North Laurel Community Center on November 8, 2018.

\*NAACP elections will take place at the next general membership meeting at 6:30pm.

\*Charles Franklin indicated that active members should come out and cast a ballot.

\*A motion was made to accept the General Membership minutes for September. The motion was seconded and passed.

\*Stephanie Wall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded.

