

# NAACP Howard County General Meeting & Installation Ceremony Minutes

Date: January 24, 2019

Time: 6:30pm

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

## **Committee Reports**

### **Technology**

- \*Working on a school rewards type program with Target and other stores. Schools that need the most help will get the profits.
- \*Working on addressing the concern that technology displaces workers by ensuring that appropriate policies are in place for Artificial Intelligence and Tech.
- \*Discussing what the appropriate school policies are for AI and Tech.
- \*Concentrating on overcoming algorithmic bias and deep-seated bias, gender and race issues for example facial recognition for applications and resumes may create a social issue.

### **ACT-SO**

- \*We had a meeting this past Monday. The meeting provided information on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the NAACP and what it's all about.
- \*March 30<sup>th</sup> the 50<sup>th</sup> Image Award ceremony will take place
- \*April 13, 2019, the Howard County ACT-SO competition will take place at 9am. Ending time and location to be determined.
- \*Parents, family and the public can watch performances; but not the student interview.
- \*Subcommittees include Student Recruitment: (Kori, Nicole, Safire and Yetta) an online drop box is being created so applications can be submitted electronically.
- \*Applications will be reviewed to ensure proper completion.
- \*Coach and Judge Recruitment: (Tracy Lee Turner and Rhonda) Coaches and Judges are needed in the following areas: Business, culinary arts, humanities, performing arts, sciences, and visual arts.
- \*Finance and Fundraising (Mel and Willie) and public relations and Media (Ericka and Kori).
- \*Letters are being drafted to send to local schools, BSAP, churches and other community organizations. Kori Jones is leading this effort.
- \*We will develop a letter to solicit in-kind and sponsor donations.
- \*Next meeting we will discuss finding sponsors and possible fundraising activities.

\*The Competition: Students can compete in more than one category; but not all entries will win a medal. Gold medal winners will go to the National Competition and the Adult Branch will pay costs.

\*On February 16, 2019, we will participate in Pan-Hellenic's Black History Month event as a way to recruit students.

\*Rhonda will draft a confidentiality statement for committee members, mentors and judges.

\*We will reach out to past winners to be mentors.

\*Next meeting is Monday February 4, 2019, at 6pm at Ridgley Run Community Center.

### **Freedom Fund**

\*Fired up and Ready to Go!

\*The event Supports ACT-SO.

\*May 11, 2019, will be the Freedom Fund Jazz Breakfast. The theme is "Honoring our Legacy Energizing our Future."

\*Dr. Hrabrowski, President of UMBC will be our guest speaker.

### **Health Committee**

\*We had a meeting last Monday.

\*Conducted a fall survey. We found that weight loss, mental health access to health care were among the top topics that folks were interested in.

\*We hope to have a health day in July. Hoping to get a number of health care and medical experts. It will be a public event.

### **Labor Committee**

\*AFL-CIO union events occurred in Washington DC at 4 day conference.

\*Women's March and workshops also occurred as well as events covering the restoration of rights to ex-offenders.

### **Public Safety**

\*There is a new Fire Chief, New Police Chief and New Sheriff in town.

\*Looking at getting involved with the Department of Corrections as well.

\*Need the youth council and young adults to join in in order to have their interests represented.

\*We will be meeting with the Police Chief.

### **President**

\*We had a retreat earlier this month where we created a quarterly calendar that will include something related to Membership, Fundraising, Program and Outreach each quarter.

### **Youth Council**

\*Anthony Butler is the new designee after Mr. Wharton stepped aside.

\*The main goal is to support our youth and groom them to be leaders.

### **Elder Empowerment Committee**

\*Provides resources for seniors

\*Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 6:30pm at Wegmans (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

The General membership meeting was adjourned and there after the Installation Ceremony took place.

The Honorable Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive swore in the Howard County NAACP 7020 Executive Committee members.

After which;

The Honorable Richard H. Gibson, Howard County State's Attorney swore in the Howard County NAACP 7020 Members-At-Large and Committee Chairs.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **President**

Willie Flowers

#### **Secretary**

Jennifer Jones

#### **1<sup>st</sup>. Vice-President**

Christina Bostick

#### **Assistant Secretary**

Lynda Earle

#### **2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice-President**

Laura Johnson

#### **Treasurer**

Richard Shepherd

#### **3<sup>rd</sup>. Vice President**

Hiruy Hadgu

#### **Assistant Treasurer**

April Harrison

#### **Members At-Large**

Mike Butera

Colleen Hughes

Don Cash

Charles Franklin

Alicia Jones McLeod

Carole Fisher

Elexis Lawson

Stephanie Wall

Saif Rehman

Jenkins Odoms

Gregory Lawrence

Becca Niburg

Erika Tillery

Yetta Roggeron

**Committee Chairs**

**ACT-SO**

Bessie Bordenave

**Armed Services**

Allan Hyde

**Political Action**

Herb Smith

**Community Engagement**

Geoffrey Colbert

**Economic Development**

Alicia Jones McLeod

**Education**

Laura Johnson

**Faith & Religion**

Rev. Dr. Barbara Morton

**Fundraising**

Stephanie Wall

**Health**

Mark Brooks

**Labor & Industry**

Don Cash

**Legal Redress**

Christina Bostick

**Membership**

Erika Tillery

**Public Safety**

Gregory Lawrence

**Young Adults20/40**

Kori Jones

**Technology**

Mike Butera

**Youth Council**

Anthony Butler

**Marketing/PR**

Colleen Hughes

**Housing**

Kent Blake

**U.S. Census/Redistricting**

Maverene Robinson

Jon Parker

**Elder Empowerment**

Elexis Lawson

**Women in NAACP**

Alicia Jones McLeod

Becca Niburg