

NAACP Howard County
General Meeting
Minutes

Date: July 25, 2019
Time: 6:30pm
Location: 9820 Patuxent Wood Drive

Prayer

President's Report (Willie Flowers)

- *This past year we made great strides.
- *We still have Elder Empowerment Summit, Golf Tournament, Education for Champions event, 22 a day push up event and State Conference to finish out the year.
- *The Detroit Convention was exhilarating. Issues on technology, facial recognition software were well received and resolutions on those issues weren't even brought to the floor they were done as an order.
- *Youth Council Brought home three awards; which is a big deal.

ACT-SO (Bessie Bourdenave, Chair)

- *Ms. Bessie shared that she is very proud of our ACT-SO participants.
- *The comments from the judges were positive and encouraging. Chris Miller, our local gold medal winner performed in the awards ceremony and he was awesome.
- *We will plan a meeting to exchange information on what we can do to improve.
- *We attended the new membership program, sales force. This program will allow the secretaries to input memberships without having to submit the paperwork to the National level.
- *The program will be presented at the State conferences.
- *Joe Madison, "The Black Eagle" XM radio talk show host spoke at the membership conference.
- *Next year's conference will be in Boston.

Education (Laura Johnson, Chair)

*The Detroit Conference was powerful and energizing. Wish we could bottle up the experience and share it.

*Note: Folly Quarter Middle School will be closed on July 26, 2019 due to broken water system.

*The Boundry review process is ongoing regarding redistricting and a final decision is expected on November 21, 2019.

*August 10, 2019, will be the Education Committee's planning session.

*There were a number of resolutions from Maryland during the conference including a call for censorship of the Dr. Seuss books.

*There was agreement to opposing arming school staff.

*We discussed pre-kindergarten and post secondary education.

*Glad to see these issues embedded into the National policy.

Golf Tournament

*August 26, 2019, will be the golf tournament hosted by Howard County Police and the Howard County NAACP.

*Laura Johnson Chairs the Sponsorship committee.

*We have 60 golfers. The goal is to get 144 golfers.

*Asking one golfer to join as a foursome.

* The profit will be split between the police and the NAACP.

*Rebecca Niburg chairs the volunteer committee.

*The morning registration is the most important part and we need people present to volunteer and represent. The Youth Explorers will be there.

*We need sponsorships. If you now of any sponsors let us know. We have the Ravens and Columbia Bank among the sponsors so far.

*This effort will showcase the partnership between the Police, the NAACP and Youth.

Technology (Mike Butera, Chair)

*We met last week and will meet again in late August.

*The Technology Forum will be in November.

*Two points related to Technology in Howard County:

1. The Government and School System are invested in having youth use technology to get their services however; its disturbing that we don't know which families do not have high speed access to the internet. If this is how we are going to communicate then we need to make sure everyone has access.

2. The vast majority of relatively poor people's access is the cell phone. This is not a good way for young people to do research. This is not a good way to gain access.

*We want to make sure there is no unintended consequence of competition or nonalignment between agencies.

Mature Active Adults (Elexis Lawson, Chair)

*September 28, 2019, is the Elder Empowerment Summit.

*It will be held at the North Laurel Community Center from 10:00am-2pm.

*We have many excellent guest speakers including Delegate Teri Hill and a body builder who is in her eighties.

*Please Come out and support this event.

NEXT GEN

* The first group of Next Gen participants has graduated and now Kori, Christina and Tiffany assist the current cohort group.

Guest Speakers

*For the remainder of the meeting we heard from guest speakers Kevin Gilbert, Ed.D, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Kim Eisenreich, Administrator, Local Children's Board. They discussed the Equity Report and related topics.

*We also heard from Jill Scott, who discussed social justice and equity.

MOTION: Charles Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kori Jones seconded the motion after which the meeting was adjourned.