

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 7, 2018**

**Members Present:**

Roberta Kelly	Tracey Williams	Yetta Roggerson	Farheen Sheikh
Patricia Thorne	Caroline Harper	Jonah Hornum	Maryam Elhabashy

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
The State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 6:44 PM</li> <li>• Meeting agenda approved and accepted with changes at 6:46PM</li> <li>• Meeting minutes approved and accepted with changes at 6:50PM</li> <li>• Corrections:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agenda:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Caroline agreed to be co-chair of Living the Dream Committee</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Minutes:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Business: Jonah’s name is misspelled</li> <li>2. Old business: “It was motioned and seconded that Reverend Morton be relieved of his duty as a commissioner” instead of “Revered Morton motioned and seconded to be terminated from the Commission”</li> <li>3. Logistics: “solidify sound and visual equipment” instead of sound and tech”</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kurt accepted nomination for logistics committee</li> <li>• Bert says he is willing to chair the Day of Service Committee</li> <li>• Leslie will be asked to clarify if she accepts the position of Reception Chair</li> </ul>	Confirmations will be made with Bert and Leslie in regards to accepting new positions
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2018-2019 MLK Day Dates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January 13, 2019=Celebration Event</li> <li>- January 14, 2019=DOS Event</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider incorporating evaluation sheets into program booklets</li> <li>• Tracey proposed creating evaluation sheets for the Day of Service</li> <li>• Roberta came up with new ideas for Day of Service Activities (see Day of Service)</li> <li>• Budget               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We had a budget of \$6,000 for MLK Day</li> <li>- County-wide budget reduction of 2% resulted in a loss of \$691 from our budget</li> <li>- 3 middle school trophies were \$54 each</li> <li>- 3 high school trophies were \$73 each</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Vote on reserving table at 50+ expo shall take place next meeting</p> <p>Vote on Living the Dream award amount shall take place next meeting</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Living the Dream plaques were \$60 each</li> <li>- Black and Gold Sign was \$70.83</li> <li>- \$156.93 spent at BJ's for refreshments, utensils, etc.</li> <li>- \$450 spent for table at the John Holland Dinner, 4 MLK Commissioners attended</li> <li>- \$275 at 50+ expo for vendor table</li> <li>- Two tables for advertising were obtained for free</li> <li>- Jason's Deli: \$502.50 for Day of service</li> <li>- Jason's Deli: \$716.85 for MLK Celebration</li> <li>- Spent \$5,992.82</li> <li>- Currently \$0.18 in the budget</li> <li>- High School awards: \$250, \$200, \$150</li> <li>- Middle school awards: \$200, \$150, \$100</li> <li>- Living the dream: \$300 individual, \$300 organization</li> <li>• Proposed we spend \$250 on each award for Living the Dream instead of \$300</li> <li>• Proposed we use Dottie's Trophies for this year's awards</li> <li>• Caroline suggested we decline attending the John Holland Dinner in coming years; as those funds could be allocated elsewhere</li> </ul>	
Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Howard High School is an option</li> <li>• Some suggested HCC but the price of reservation is expensive</li> <li>• Proposed that Commission reach out to see if HCC would allow use of the auditorium free of charge</li> <li>• Visit to Howard High will be coordinated to look at the space</li> </ul>	Howard High School shall be reserved in case it is chosen as the event's location
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed that competition encapsulate all forms: essays, poems, pieces of art</li> <li>• Everything would need to be related to the theme and criteria would need to be put together for the poetry &amp; art, etc.</li> </ul>	
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonah proposed sending commissioners (preferably a student and an adult for relatability) to schools across the county (those that don't submit essays from); create ppt presentations and address principals to have assemblies to present on the Commission and the essay committee</li> <li>• Proposed Baltimore Sun be contacted to put story out on Commission and essay to promote events and competition</li> <li>• Bert suggested setting up a partnership with HCPSS so that students can access the volunteering opportunities associated with Celebration Event and DOS</li> <li>• Jonah, Tracey, and Yetta shall work to put together the partnership with HCPSS</li> </ul>	<p>Jonah shall create Facebook page that will list members, theme, and essay question</p> <p>Yetta and Jonah shall reach out to Helen Nixon, HCPSS (Chief Human Resources and Leadership Development Officer)</p>

Living the Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to get more applicants through new means (potentially mailing postcards, making award more known)</li> </ul>	
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul>	
Day of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracey suggested more service-based opportunities be added</li> <li>• Ideas to freshen up some activities or add to them (proposed by Roberta) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rain barrel/rain garden training</li> <li>- Exercise for senior citizens (i.e. yoga/dancing instructor at Bain Center)</li> <li>- Have Genealogical Society give class on tracing genealogy</li> <li>- Blood pressure screenings</li> <li>- Local art group could give art training/classes</li> <li>- Local group healthy cooking demonstrations</li> <li>- Glen Mar United Methodist Church Partnership</li> <li>- BMI screenings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tracey proposed drives for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The homeless</li> <li>- Infants</li> <li>- School supplies (Caroline proposed we try and do that through partnership with HCPSS)</li> <li>- Grassroots</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Farheen proposed drives for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Do something for local refugees</li> <li>- Making care packages for victims of human trafficking</li> <li>- Hairstyles for the underserved (partner with local barbers/stylists)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Collect baby items for under-served new mothers who have limited access to them</li> </ul>	<p>Roberta shall contact FIRN</p> <p>Caroline will look into proposed “healthy food prep” demonstration</p> <p>Caroline shall contact Roy Appletree about potential school supply drive</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM</li> <li>• Next Meeting: April 4, 2018</li> </ul>	