

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2021

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Diane Martin - Chair	Kurt Wall – Vice Chair		STAFF PRESENT:
Tina Horn	Caroline Harper		Yolanda Sonnier
Maurice Frazier	Hunter Craig		Claudia Allen
Bonnie Sorak	Brett David Vess		
Yetta Roggerson			

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
June Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda needed to make a change to June’s minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane made a motion that the June minutes be accepted with Yolanda’s one correction. Kurt 2nd the motion Motion was carried.
Discussion of OHRE Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Claudia Allen as new staffer. She will handle the redesign of the new flyer. Fatina Jackson and Wando Cao were introduced to the MLK staff at the June meeting. Fatina has been reassigned to another commission. Wanda will remain working with the following MLK committees: Day of Service, Food Drive Competition, Oratory Contest, Living the Dream, Publicity and Logistics for Day of Service. 	
Special Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Martin shared the special presentation to Tracey Williams and Bert Hash that took place in the office on Monday, August 2nd. Ms. Tina Horn will also be awarded and thanked at a future date since she was out of town. 	
Update on County Reopening & Commission Meetings Discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of Monday, August 2nd all County buildings are open as they were pre-COVID. Yolanda brings this up to discuss: Would the commission like to continue their meetings virtually? And is there a plan for the commission to return to in-person meetings? Kurt Wall suggests maintaining virtual meetings and initiating in-person meetings once a quarter. The commission agrees that virtual meetings gives the commission flexibility to attend given everyone’s schedules. Bonnie Sorak suggests maintaining the virtual option even once in-person meetings return to allow flexibility. Yolanda is in conversation with IT to implement the hybrid model to ensure meeting flexibility for members, as well as allowing the meetings to be open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decided to maintain virtual meetings.

	to the public virtually.	
Flyers, Theme and Essay, Poster and Oratory Contests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: “Whatever affects one directly, affects one indirectly.” • Maurice Frazier shares there was confusion concerning continuity between the messaging, theme, and question across the Essay, Poster, and Oratory Contests. • Question for student consideration: “What can be done to foster an inclusive culture in your school, community, or organization? Give an example of what you have done or experienced in the past.” • Statement to include for the Poster contest: Create a work of art that best describes the following question: (the theme will follow) • Asking parents and teachers to provide further context for the elementary school students. • Claudia will begin drafting flyers and provide to the commission no later than Wednesday, August 11th. • Submission Deadline all awards and contests: October 15th 	
Committee Reports: Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
Committee Reports: Days of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert Hash, Chair • Maryland Food Bank: 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month. We will have approx. 500 boxes to deliver. • When it comes to volunteers, a church wants to participate in the pop-up pantry program. • August 20th Pop-up pantry 11a-12:30p at Ridgely’s Run Community Center • September 27th from 10a – 11:30 am • We will send a note to the Ball Bulletin as well. 	
Committee Reports: Reception & Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is about \$1000 • Howard Community College – Smith Theater is tentatively booked (January 2022 they will be opening the buildings up to everyone.) • There is still a vendor email/letter available • Multiple committee members have vendor lists 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Caroline Harper’s term ends March 2022 • Kurt Wall won an award from the Maryland Sheriff’s Association for Outreach for a Small Association. He’ll be awarded in October. OHRE will post about award in date proximity to the award ceremony. • Save the Date: Human Rights Awards Ceremony is Tuesday, October 19th. All program details will be confirmed and distributed in the near future. 	

Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diane Martin requested all committee chairs be prepared to present an update at each meeting or have a designee. Diane also reminded everyone that the committees should be meeting between the general body meeting.• Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 1st at 6pm	
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