

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 2, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES

Members present:

Tracey Williams, Chair	Bonnie Sorak	Brett Vess	Bert Hash
Bonnie Sorak	Teresa Garcia	Tina Horn	
Hunter Craig	Kimberly McCauley	Yolanda Sonnier	
Clarita Dawson	Maurice Frazier	Fatina Jackson	
Diane Martin	Chalise Latimer	Wanda Cao	

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
May Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not approve the May minutes because meeting did not have a quorum. 	
Introduce new OHRE staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda introduced Fatina Jackson – as new possible staff. She will be point of contact for: program committee, reception & vendors, publicity, logistics, essay and poster contests. Yolanda introduced Wanda Cao – will assist MLK. Will be contact for Days of Service, grocery store letters, coordinator for that day, food drive competition, oratory contest, living the dream award, publicity and logistics. 	
Update on County Reopening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda states the county is planning to bring all employees back on site in July, public by appointment only. August all buildings are open for the public and will operate normal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will discuss further in August meeting.
Student Commissioners Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane states we need 2 Student Commissioners. Diane, Tina, Bert, Kurt and Hunter will be on Nomination Committee. 	
Commission Retreat Discussion and Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda brought up the brainstorm session of the Retreat if anyone wanted to discuss that session. 	
Committee Reports/Discussion: Program Committee - Tracey Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepting recommendations and suggestions related to the program. Also looking for people to serve on the committee. Agreed to have agent at Howard Community College. Discussed if wanted keynote speaker this year if it fits budget. Diane suggested to find someone locally. 	

<p>Days of service – Bert Hash and Kurt Wall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim read Bert’s report: partnership w/ Harriet Tubman Foundation for pop up pantry at Ridgely Run community center in Jessup resulted in 1152 boxes of food product. • Outreach assisted with distribution of food to homes of 50 families. 	
<p>Essay Contest – Clarita Dawson and Chalise Latimer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarita stated aiming for August 1 for having a new flier. Maybe student’s art and essay can be used for flier. • County public school system newsletter be distributed in all 12 high schools and utilize social media. • Have a spreadsheet with contact persons. • Yolanda suggested to change colors of former fliers, but perhaps develop whole new flier for more student engagement • Chalise suggested to show advertisement of former oratory contest on social media to attract older students. • Yolanda stated will connect Marla with Essay and Oratory Committee for flier vision. • Bonnie suggested creating a Google Doc. • Focus of essay question, Yolanda and Teresa will send to Clarita. 	
<p>Poster Contest – Teresa Garcia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report. Brett has reached out to different people in county but has not heard back from any principles yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to connect before August meeting.
<p>Oratory Contest – Maurice Frazier</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maurice stated they are tracking on a 81 day and created scoring sheet. It takes into account speech, construct, presentation and delivery. • Also includes language effectiveness, and innovation inflection. • Can user former flier if wanted. • Wanted social media track for kids and easier for parents to share. • Still trying to figure out how to reach out to 12 high schools and 23 middle schools in an official manner. • Wants to upgrade prizes, possibly monetary prizes, or small trophies. 	
<p>Living the Dream – Yetta Roggeron and Teresa Garcia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wanted to look at past Living the Dream winners. • Yolanda stated we can try and look at previous programs and recreate it. • Doesn’t need new flier. 	
<p>Reception & Vendors – Chalise Latimer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalise stated she would like to have information on past year receptions in order to gave an idea of who they should be contacting that are new. • Was not able to get in contact with co chair yet. 	

Publicity – Tina Horn and Bonnie Sorak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina met with board. Recommends talking to central office, Mary Schiller and Pricilla Reeves. Will get assistance from the communications office. • Tracey states have to submit flier through public information system portal for the school so that they can approve it prior to distribution. 	
Logistics – Bert Hash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. • Retained Meadowbrook for the venue. 	
No July Meeting – meetings resume August 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No July meeting. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane reiterated for commissioners to submit their written reports at least 1 week before August 4th meeting. • Yolanda summarized meeting tasks. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned for June 2, 2021 at 7:10 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: August 4, 2021