

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES September 1, 2021**

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| Diane Martin - Chair | Kurt Wall – Vice Chair |                 | <b>STAFF PRESENT:</b> |
| Tina Horn            | Caroline Harper        | Chalise Latimer | Yolanda Sonnier       |
| Maurice Frazier      | Hunter Craig           | Clarita Dawson  | Marla Moore           |
| Bonnie Sorak         | Brett David Vess       | David Nairn     |                       |
| Yetta Roggeron       | Teresa Garcia          |                 |                       |

| <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action Items</b>   |
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| Approval of August 2021 Minutes                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.</li> </ul>   |   |
| Flyers for Living the Legacy and Essay, Poster and Oratory Contests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teresa Garcia, Chairperson, spoke with about best practices about promoting the contest. Communicating with Alpha Achievers and Delta scholars, getting student committees to help to get them more involved and have ownership of the contest, student subcommittee leaders to help get the word out, use their input to select winner, engaged with a PTA president to get help. She will involve her school and the sister school, Thomas Viaduct.</li> </ul>  |   |
| Committee Reports (Program):  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairperson Tracey Williams absent.</li> <li>Yolanda mentioned the possibility of Wes Moore doing the keynote speech</li> </ul>   |   |
| Committee Reports (Day of Service):                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairperson Burt Hash reported on the success of the last MLK Food Pantry. Despite a rain date, they achieved their goal of feeding 400 families</li> <li>Mr. Hash reported schedule changes from the Food Bank. Food will be delivered on the second and fourth Monday</li> <li>As for the Day of Service, the committee is preparing for In Person and Virtual activities. Similar to last years' activities at Meadowbrook and the virtual ones. More people will be reached on the Day of Service by doing both.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chalise Latimer is reaching out to Busboys and Poets.</li> <li>The committee will highlight Glen Mar United Methodist church and other community partner's activities and do PR for them as well.</li> </ul> |
| Committee Reports (Essay Contest & Oratory Contest)                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarita Dawson, Chairperson, having spoken to Black Student Achievement (BSA) and Principal Green at Atholton High school; suggested that they send all the information</li> </ul>  |   |

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|   | <p>about Essay and Oratory together to Nicole Brown (BSAP Lead) who will distribute it to Middle School and High School BSA Liaison and/or IT Lead to get the contest in the school newsletters, Instagram and other communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mindy Hirsch at Glenelg will be the Liaison there.</li> <li>• Having worked with Wilde Lake High, Daniel Nairn spoke about a potential back-hold of information being shared because school just opened.</li> <li>• Clarita got feedback from counselor who told her that at Glenelg the fliers could go out to Dan Curry, IT Lead and BSAP every week</li> <li>• Diane Martin expressed the importance of getting the information out to all middle and high school administrators and students, schools and staff members. She heard from Alpha Achievers and Delta Scholars Leadership Program that their orgs want to participate in the program.</li> </ul> |  |
| <p>Committee Reports (Poster Contest)</p>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Nairn stated that he and Maurice Frazier were ready for September. They created a spread sheet of phone numbers and principals, high schools and middle school point of contacts. The schools were prioritizing ‘Back to School’ as opposed to extracurricular activities.</li> <li>• They also don’t want to overload the students with extra stuff as they are processing transitioning back to school.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They will share the fliers 2 or 3 weeks after school has started to ensure engagement after things have gotten back to normal.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Committee Reports (Living The Dream Contest)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teresa Garcia spoke about having received the list of last decade’s winners from OHRE to make sure there is no duplications. They are open for the commission for suggestions. She and Yetta Roggeron are working with the Publicity Committee to make sure that they word gets out in a timely manner so they can get those nominations early.</li> <li>• Yolanda Sonnier, OHRE Administrator, asked if they want the committee to solicit nominations electronically via Survey Monkey. Or do they want paper applications. Yetta and Teresa expressed that they were open to using technology to make the process better easier.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marla Moore will get in touch with the committee about the Survey Monkey Contest Application.</li> </ul>                                  |
| <p>New Business</p>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunter Craig stated that the commission hadn’t approved a color identity for the 2022 celebration. He asked if the commission is happy with the blue and green. Daniel suggested Orange and Black for Baltimore.</li> <li>• Marla Moore suggested keeping the current fliers and using the colors for the commission suggests for the celebration materials.</li> </ul>   |  |

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|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Sonnier shared the current contest fliers that indicate the HOCO colors with the commission via Webex screen.</li> <li>• Hunter made a motion to confirm the Blue and Green identity for this year’s MLK celebration. The commission voted to accept it.</li> <li>• Yolanda thanked commissioners for taking the Open Meeting Training. She then spoke about the appointment of the new MLK Student Commissioner, Sierra Sewchand. Bert asked if commissioners would be involved in the process of the selection of future commissions regarding interviews and such.</li> </ul> <p>She then mentioned the play Disgraced, September 11, 2021 and the Human Rights Commission Awards on October 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bonnie Sorak mentioned that she and Tina Horn of the Publicity Committee made a spread sheet for the publicity committee to collect MLK commission media contacts. She shared the list with the group.</li> </ul> |  |
| Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Martin thanked the committee chairs for their written and oral reports.</li> </ul> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday October 6th at 6:00 PM.</p>   |  |
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