

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

February 2, 2022

MINUTES

Kurt Wall (Vice-Chair)	Teresa Garcia	Brett D. Vess
Yetta Roggerson	Sierra Sewchand	Clarita Dawson
Maurice Frazier	Hunter Craig	Angela Williams
Bonnie Sorak	Daniel Nairn	STAFF PRESENT:
Bert Hash	Tina Horn	Marla Moore

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Approve January Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurt Wall, Vice-Chair handled the meeting as Diane Martin, Chair was ill. Commenced at 6:06 PM. Marla took attendance as Commissioners reviewed the January Minutes. <p>Kurt moved that the minutes from January 12 be approved. Tina seconded. The group approved.</p>	
Chair's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurt informed us that Diane is ill and he would be chairing the meeting. 	
Commission House Keeping Items and Best Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marla spoke about best practices and committee action items for 2022. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of clear communication, follow through and transparency regarding MLK Commission correspondence and Action Items. Subcommittee Reports New Commissioner Nominations, Vacant Positions and returning Commissioners The importance of being in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Two commissioners must take the training and return their certificates to OHRE. The process of forming a subcommittee to make recommendations for new Commissioners. OHRE needs to be informed about their process so we can create press releases and advertisements, which must then be approved by PIO before sharing with the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marla will send a template for Subcommittee Reports Marla will send out nomination form, Daniel Nairn wants to renew his Commission Service Tina, Bonnie and Kurt will take the training after Marla send the Open Meeting Act information to all Commissioners Bert indicated that the MLK Commission will form a Recommendation Committee and send candidate information to OHRE and CEX.
Program Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As Tracey was absent, no one spoke for the Program Committee 	

Day of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert Hash submitted his report. Given the fact that we had a snow storm, the Howard County Food Bank rescheduled the event to January 19th from 12 pm to 7 pm. They received 2100 pounds. Bert picked up 250 pounds from Giant Grocery Store in Clarksville for a total of 2350 pounds. In addition, they received from the MLK Online Link pledges totaling \$2,003 from 21 donors. This MLK Online link will remain active. • The High School Food Drive competition distributed over 2500 pounds of food to the Howard County Food Bank. The winner of the completion was Reservoir Hill High School • HCFB received three checks totaling \$13,300 from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Lambda Omega Chapter, The Links, Inc., Columbia Md. Chapter, and the Waring Mitchell Law Society. • The Jack and Jill, Inc., Columbia Md. Chapter and the Waring Mitchell Law Society made contributions of utensils and underwear to the Leona Dorsey Community Resource Center. • Bonnie was thrilled 266 attended the Highway to Nowhere. 66 responses to the survey. Recording of event is on the Youtube channel. • Bert said that over 100 people came and gave positive responses about the other virtual offerings. 	
Essay Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarita stated that she and Chalise have not had a chance to talk but there will be new strategies for next years. They have new strategies to implement for next year. She wants to continue as Chair of her sub-committee next year. • Around 14 or 15 from Middle School and 12 or 13 entrants from High School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Poster Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett has a short report but stated that all the winners showed up at the Awards. Five high school students were judges. He felt that he could have done more to get out the words. He needs a letterhead to the judges to thank them for their participation. • Teresa will continue to promote the contest information within the school system next year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marla will reach out to Brett to get a letter to the High School Judges thanking them.
Oratory Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel said that he and Maurice tried their best to get word out but wants to touch up more on oratory contest. They tried to contact with each other, it was hard for them to connect. He thinks that everyone has done a stand-up job of getting in touch with each other. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarita tried to get the word out to High Schools and Middle Schools, disseminated posters, worked with counselors and BSAP to get the word out. Thinks that different subcommittees should pool their resources to spread the word. 	
Living The Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarita said she and Yetta were excited to give out the awards and launch the youth award. Next year they will continue to reach out to the community to get the three nominations. 	
Reception & Vendors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not happen due to virtual celebration. 	
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina thanked staff for their social media materials and wondering if we consider consolidating these contest committees to make sure that we have focused recruiting efforts to drive up student participation. • Bonnie said thanks for their help and that people could continue to work with each other more. They can improve on getting out the information. Perhaps not use google sheets. • Bonnie asked how do we capture the feedback and make improvements for next year? Knows that the survey is for that. • Kurt mentioned that we have resiliency and include the least advantaged person, the 	
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt said that it was a virtual event and that he and Bert would be talking about how to do this next year. • Bert said that hopefully we will be under a different kind of environment. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina mentioned Black Lives Matter at School week. An event tonight at 7:00 PM. The Life and Death of Marsha P. Johnson. Oakland Mills on line is doing a book club meeting online reading The 1619 Project. • Bert wanted to thank the commissioners and sees the growth over the years and says 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt thanked commissioners for their efforts and being present tonight. • Kurt adjourned meeting at 7:02 PM • Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @ 6:00 PM 	