

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

March 2, 2022

MINUTES

Diane Martin (Chair)	Kurt Wall (Vice-Chair)	
Yetta Roggeron	Bonnie Sorak	
Maurice Frazier	Caroline Harper	
Daniel Nairn	Tracey L. Williams	STAFF PRESENT:
Bert Hash	Kim McCauley	Marla Moore
Chalise Latimer	Hunter Craig	Yolanda Sonnier
Daniel Nairn		
Teresa Garcia		

Meeting Commenced at 6:06 PM.

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Chair's Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meeting Commenced at 6:02 • Diane asked if we had people to take the open meetings act training as she had done it. • Chalise did the Open Meetings Training. Yolanda thinks Bonnie did the training already. 	
Approve February Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The February Minutes were approved 	
Day of Service Pop Up Pantry Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop up pantry is looking for volunteers. Should have about 500 more units. Still held at Ridgely Run Community Center in Jessup from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. 	
Commission Vacancies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane asked how many commission vacancies were open. She asked the commissioners what were the character traits that we needed the commissioners to possess? As commissioners are the strongest recruiters, she was seeking their input and help with recruiting new commissioners. She asked them to look in their social groups and co-workers, get a feeling for potential candidates commitment, dedication and time. • Commissioners stated that the candidates should be excited and committed about living out Dr. King's legacy, building relationships, a team player, committed, attend meetings regularly, complete tasks to fruition, even if they are paired with someone who is not committed, timeliness, the time to dedicate and willing to do the work. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda stated that we need a student and two commissioners as Caroline Harper’s tenure ends in March. Diane suggested that they take a moment to celebrate and celebrate the service and dedication of Caroline Harper. Due to our celebration being virtual, Caroline was not able to work on her planning of the MLK reception this year, but we honor and applaud Caroline for her former service. • Yolanda asked if the goal was to have two student chairs or one. Diane thought it was one. Caroline stated it was two. So, it was determined that they need two student commissioners and perhaps Sierra could help with that. 	
<p>2022 Celebration and Day of Service</p> <p>Update from High School Food Drive Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunter was late and Sierra did not attend so we did not get this update. 	
<p>Discussion of Commission Retreat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane discussed the last time the commissioners met for retreat and what they discussed. She asked if anyone had memories about the commitments they made. Or any recollections. • Bert said that it was nice for the group to get together and get to know each other. • Danie said it was great that they got together, and it was great to sit down and brainstorm, set goals and projects and learn about other commissioners and their contributions to the commission. He felt it was extremely productive. • Yolanda remembered that they discussed if there would be another retreat and what would be the time frame. • Diane asked if there was anything special that occurred that day. • Bert remembered the game that Teresa played with the commission and it was fun. • Diane reminded the commissioners that they had agreed to start early so they can finish early. But it was important that they found out what each subcommittee did and what those processes entailed. It was information that all needed to know so they could meet deadlines. • Yolanda asked if they were doing a retreat this year? If so, they need to discuss dates so they could plan for it. • The motion to have an MLK retreat this year was passed. • Dates were suggested. They voted to do it outdoors at one of the outdoor pavilions on May 14th with lunch starting at 12:00 PM and commencing at 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. • Yolanda asked for people to send catering ideas to Marla 	

	and herself.	
<p>2023 Celebration and Day of Service</p> <p>a. Committee Assignments and Appointment of Chairs</p> <p>b. Discussion and vote on MLK Theme and Essay Question</p> <p>c. Initial Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda took suggestions for the chair via Webex. Diane and Bert received nominations for chair. Diane accepted it and Bert did not. He wants an opportunity for someone else to be in the role to better the organization. She then asked for nominations from the floor. Someone nominated Bonnie from the floor. Bonnie declined the nomination. At this point, Diane was on the ballot and was elected to serve as MLK Chair. • Yolanda took nominations for Vice-Chair via Webex. We had 5 nominations for Vice-Chair: Kurt (Accepted), Bonnie (Declined), Kim (Declined), Tracey (Decline), Yetta (Declined). Hunter was nominated but he is not in the meeting. Kurt was elected Vice-Chair. • Yolanda took nominations for secretary via Webex. Nominees were Teresa (Accepted), Kim(Declined), Yetta (Declined), Bonnie (Declined), Hunter (Not Present), Daniel (Decline). • Marla questioned why there was a secretary if they had not been taking notes. Yolanda stated that the commission would have to define the role. If it meant taking minutes or handling group correspondence? • Teresa was elected as commission secretary. • Yolanda congratulated the officers and asked if Madam Chair could explain what the roles and responsibilities of the Secretary for the OHRE’s clarification. Tracey asked if it was required that OHRE had to do the minutes and the agenda, if so when they were due? Or if it was possible that the Secretary just handled the community correspondence. • Yolanda asked if the secretary had taken minutes in the past. Bert and Tracey said yes. Teresa asked about the format and template for the minutes and indicated that she would handle that responsibility. Marla stated that she would work with Teresa moving forward. <p>Chairs for the MLK Committees were elected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living the Dream: Co-Chairs: Teresa and Yetta, Member: Diane • Essay Contest: Chalise Latimer (Co-Chair) and Diane Martin • Oratory: Daniel (Chair) and Tracey 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Vendor: Chalise (Co-Chair) Yetta (co-Chair) • Publicity: Co-Chair Bonnie and Tina • Logistics: Chair-Kurt Wall and Maurice-Serving, • Poster Contest: Chairs (Teresa and Brett), Hunter, Yetta • Day of Service: Bert and Kim (Co-Chairs), Tracey • Program Committee: Tracey (Chair) • High School Food Drive Committee: Hunter Craig (Chair), Bert and Kurt, <p>Yolanda reminded the group that committees can be staffed by community members in case Caroline wanted to help after her service was completed.</p> <p>Diane told the people to bring their suggestions about this year's theme to the next meeting.</p> <p>Yolanda gave the selections that had already been given via the survey and the questions:</p> <p>Yolanda suggested that the rest of the commissioners fill out the survey so they could vote on the themes and student questions outside the meeting.</p>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda stated that March is Women's History Month and encouraged the commission to take time to recognize the women who make a personal impact and impact to the community and the world. Celebrate. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane thanked the commissioned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM. 	