

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2017**

**Members Present:**

Leslie Salgado	Roberta Kelly	Sonja Hamada	Caroline Harper
Yetta Roggerson	Helaine Jeffers	Jonah Hornum	Rodney Morton
Farheen Sheik			

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
The State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM</li> <li>• Meeting agenda and minutes approved at 6:40 PM.</li> <li>• Rules of procedures- A guide for MLK Commissioners</li> </ul>	The rules of procedure book has been updated and will be printed out by OHR.
Living The Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	
Publicity	<p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We need to have more captivating posters and flyers</li> <li>• Event information should be released to different ethnic groups, churches and other religious groups.</li> <li>• Sonja represented as an MLK commissioner on a political event and suggested that the commissioners should try and attend different events to publicize the MLK commission.</li> <li>• To have the MLK day event on social media to reach out to the younger generation.</li> <li>• We are not allowed to have a Facebook page specifically for MLK but we can post it individually on personal pages.</li> <li>• Is it possible to have a temporary formal social media/ web page? If there is one, it's easy for schools to link their websites.</li> <li>• Howard County can do the press release two weeks prior to the event.</li> <li>• Can we lobby for having a formal temporary MLK social media page?</li> <li>• Is it worth our time to lobby about having the website or a formal social media page?</li> <li>• It might be helpful if the public schools have the essay/event information on their website.</li> <li>• The event information and notifications have been</li> </ul>	

	<p>posted on OHR's website. We can do the same this year as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information should be more appealing and easy to access.</li> </ul>	
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helaine Jeffers has some potential ideas and will discuss at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
Day of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	
Essay Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There should be an earlier notification of the essay competition.</li> <li>• The whole essay contest timeline should be established earlier and should have sufficient time planned out.</li> <li>• Suggested we should target English teachers and also History teachers.</li> <li>• Teachers should be notified during the summer/August about the essay contest in order to make they have time to possibly add it to their curriculum</li> <li>• An eye-catching flier should be made to be hung around high schools</li> <li>• Emails about the essay contest should be sent to more people, including guidance counselors, the principal's secretary, social studies teachers, etc.</li> <li>• The students might be motivated to participate in the essay competition if they get an extra credit for the participation.</li> <li>• A good quality poster might be helpful to attract more students.</li> <li>• This may require some budget.</li> </ul>	<p>Sonja Hamada will have the dates soon on essay submission.</p>
Logistics Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	
Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested that the options for the venue should be kept open</li> <li>• A lot of people liked Howard Community College.</li> <li>• Liked the idea that Long Reach High School had tables to sit down.</li> <li>• We should not have people 2 hours ahead of program time for rehearsal.</li> <li>• There should be a rehearsal date, time &amp; location.</li> </ul>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting come with theme for the event &amp; theme for the essay should be decided since the plan is to have an essay flyer sent to the schools before September if possible.</li> <li>• It was suggested we should consider a theme keeping in mind what's happening with the</li> </ul>	

	<p>immigrants; what would MLK do if he were to witness this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All commissioners should have a consistent angle.</li><li>• We have the buttons, sticky notepads, pens and food donation signs ready to use this year.</li><li>• Suggested having a budget for each committee.</li></ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting is on June 7, 2017.</li><li>• Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.</li></ul>	