**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 6, 2019**

**Members Present:**

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| Roberta Kelly | Tracey Williams | Yetta Roggerson | Namrata Nagarajan |
| Dr. Barbara Sands | Farheen Sheik | Kurt Wall | Bessie Bordenave |
| Caroline Harper(Ph) | Renee Kalu | Pam Simonson |  |
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| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Action Items** |
| The State of the Commission | * Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM * Meeting agenda approved and accepted as is. * Meeting minutes approved and accepted as is. |  |
| OLD Business: Event Feedback | * Event was held at Howard High School * It was well attended and the venue was nice. * MLK commissioners/ volunteers had trouble with the grocery stores regarding the accommodation for food collection. * One of the grocery stores didn’t allow the volunteers to stand inside despite the cold weather. They had to take turns to collect food. * Food for the reception was good * Entertainment was great. * Day of service had a variety of activities. * Surveys were good. * Need to do more advertising so it could be better attended. * We could have flyers done sooner. * The information could be updated sooner on the county website. | Since Dr. MLK was a Baptist preacher, we could have a church choir for future MLK events.  MLK Commission will have their own Social Media page.  Namrata will send the list of honor students for the certificates. |
| Day of Service | * Day of Service was held in Howard County Community Resources Campus * Total of 429 Volunteers served during the event. * Total of 966 hours served. * Volunteer Howard posted the information as early as Dec 10, 2018 about all the different activities taking place on MLK day of service. * 14 organizations were involved this year. * Volunteer Howard posted videos and pictures on their website. * Howard County Community Resources and Services Center projects included: a. creating 183 fans, pencil jigglers and door ornaments for seniors managed by the Columbia Art Center and Howard County Office on Aging and Independence * 107 recipe cards were colorized for the food bank clients. * $6333.43 worth of coupons were clipped and sorted for the military members overseas. * Howard County Fire and Rescue team provided workshops in CPR/AED, stop the bleeding and Fall prevention. * Howard County Police department provided a training on Fraud prevention. |  |
| Budget | * We have $5999 and we spent $6246.70 | Namrata suggested that we have a board with the agenda of the program instead of the program booklets. |
| New Business | * Events: Black History month event at Long Reach High School on Feb 16 * MLK Elections 2019:   **New Chairperson: Tracey Williams**  **New Vice Chair: Bert Hash**  **New Secretary: Namrata Nagarajan**  Bessie Bordenave’s term expires 3/1/2019  Roberta Kelly’s term expires 3/1/2019  Patricia Thorne’s term expires 3/1/2019 |  |
|  | * Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM * Next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on March 6, 2019. |  |