**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.
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| 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.
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| 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 3/1/2019Roberta Kelly’s term expires 3/1/2019Patricia 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.
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