

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2018**

Members Present:

Roberta Kelly*	Sonja Hamada*	Yetta Roggerson	Namrata Nagarajan
Tracey Williams	Patricia Thorne	Farheen Sheik	Bessie Bordena
Dr. Barbara Sands	Helaine Jeffers	Maryam Elhabashy	

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
The State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 6:53PM • Meeting agenda approved and accepted with no changes at 6:54PM • Meeting minutes approved and accepted with no changes at 6:55PM 	
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farheen said Howard High cannot yet confirm the ability to hold our reception until later this year • Helaine spoke to Janelle Broderick again who said the theater could be used for \$175 • Dr. Sands asked that we postpone the usage of HCC because as a county organization we want to capitalize on our county's schools that offer free facilities for our events • Howard High School will be the location of this year's Reception 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was voted on and approved that a table would be reserved at the Harriet Tubman event for \$30 for the sake of advertising the commission's events 	
Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helaine is working on getting fliers finalized for the program • There will be three separate fliers: one for the Reception, one for the Day of Service, and one for the essay competition • The committee is still working on confirming performers who were discussed at the last meeting • Baltimore City Choir will be unable to perform at this year's event • Performers who the committee plan to have at the Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duet by young cellist and vocalist (both from Howard County) 	<p>Helaine will be working on the Program flier, Tracey & Bert will work on the Day of Service flier, and Yetta & Farheen will work on essay flier</p> <p>Helaine will reach out to Atholton High or Howard High ROTC and/or Color Guard for potential performance(s)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asian dance troop - Spoken tribute by same young man who performed last year - Young performers who sang and danced for us last year - Howard High School dance groups and musical performers 	
Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta reached out to Mary Schiller who is working on seeing how we can popularize the essay competition throughout schools in the county • Schiller also proposed having advertising done through TV announcements in schools • Yetta hopes to hear back from Schiller by the end of this month with an update • A vote concluded that the question for the essay competition this year would be “Write an essay (or submit another form of artistic expression) describing a time when you spoke up for that which was right. Tell us about your experience and how it relates to the teachings of MLK Jr. - Details and requirements for other artistic mediums will be made clear when competition details are announced 	
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is still looking at options for the food, the list of options has been narrowed down to 2 	A report on the chosen caterer will be given at the commission’s next meeting
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	Helaine will reach out to contacts she reached out to last year for TV broadcasting
Living the Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters and nomination forms are ready to be sent out 	
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report 	Namrata will reach out to volunteer organizations that can provide volunteers for our events
Day of Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day of Service will be held at the new Office of Human Rights Facility 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM • Our next meeting will be held on October 3, 2018 	