

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 4, 2020**

Tracey L. Williams	Bert Hash Jr.	Hunter Craig	Caroline Harper
Tina Horn	Yetta Roggerson	Kurt Wall	Evelyn Boulware
Yolanda Sonnier			

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting started at 6:40 PM</li> <li>• Agenda approved at 6:48PM with the following changes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Change food drive collection amount to 1,200 pounds</li> <li>▪ Change statement about Meadowbrook to read “may need funders to cover cost of having a larger facility and all that goes with it.</li> <li>▪ Change statement “well-done Tina to well-done Tina and staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meeting minutes from March approved at 6:50 PM</li> <li>• Elections were held for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions. The results are as follows:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair: Tracey Williams</li> <li>▪ Vice Chair: Bert Hash</li> <li>▪ Secretary: Tina Horn (Due to the lack of Commissioners, Tina will hold this position until other members are appointed)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Many Commission openings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are seeking new commissioners. There are 9 slots to be filled to include 2 students. Commissioners were encouraged to reach out to the sphere of influence to encourage individuals to submit their names to Kim Pruum and OHR for consideration.</li> </ul>
Essay & Poster Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Martin was elected Chair of the Essay and Poster committee</li> <li>• Quote: “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”</li> <li>• Theme: “Take A Stand”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to set deadline for submission</li> </ul>
Living the Dream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yetta Roggerson was elected Chair of the Living the Dream committee</li> </ul>	

<p>Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tina Horn was elected Chair of the Program committee and Tracey Williams was elected Vice-Chair.</li> <li>• Program suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No guest speaker. Allow kids to perform</li> <li>▪ Continue with diversity in performers</li> <li>▪ Step teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wilde Lake</li> <li>○ Reservoir Hill</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Dance Teams</li> <li>▪ Singers: Trio, Quartet, or Soloist</li> <li>▪ Jazz Band check into Atholton and Howard high schools</li> <li>▪ Oratory contest winner speak</li> <li>▪ Spoken Word</li> <li>▪ Have more schools represented at the event</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venue – HCC Smith Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Per Janelle/HCC, Sunday, January 17, 2020 is available for the 2021 celebration. I’ve placed a hold on the venue for the event. Contracts for next fiscal year will be drawn up in the summer when we have our FY21 pricing and paperwork finalized.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Send additional program suggestions to Tina and Tracey</li> </ul>
<p>Reception</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caroline Harper was elected Chair of the Reception committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will begin checking into caterers. One suggestion was Bun Penny. Diane will provide the contact information</li> </ul>
<p>Day of Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bert Hash, Chair; Kurt Wall was elected Vice-Chair of the Day of Service Committee.</li> <li>• Use of Meadowbrook- to have an open area space to encourage interaction such as Meadowbrook</li> <li>• Looking to do more service-oriented projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repairing homes for seniors; Rebuilding Together</li> <li>▪ Check with area churches for projects that can be done to assist seniors</li> <li>▪ Emergency Preparedness kits</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evelyn reached out to Matt Knoerlein at Meadowbrook on 2/11<sup>th</sup> regarding space usage for the DOS event. On 2/27<sup>th</sup> he wanted to confirm if we wanted the entire complex. She confirmed that we wanted to use the entire complex. She is awaiting his response.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repair Café – repair clothing, hardware (Lazarus Foundations), etc. Per Tina – The next Repair Cafe is coming up March 14 at the Barn, if anyone wants to check it out.</li> <li>• Add kid friendly projects</li> <li>• Have barber and stylist come and do hair</li> <li>• Bystander Intervention Training</li> <li>• Find out what is being done Countywide</li> <li>• Try to encourage County employees to participate</li> <li>• Dept. of Community Resources and Services (DCRS) would like to get involved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curt was task with getting volunteers to participate during the event. Yolanda suggested that all volunteers must attend the meetings in order to learn what the Commission does in order to effectively assist at each event.</li> </ul>
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tina Horn was elected Chair of Publicity committee.</li> <li>• Will focus on publicity-relate materials to be distributed earlier in the timeline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners are encouraged to share their publicity ideas.</li> </ul>
Vendor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yetta Roggerson was elected Chair of the Vendor committee.</li> </ul>	
Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kurt Wall was elected Chair of Logistics committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to invite volunteers to assist with each event.</li> </ul> <p>It was suggested that all volunteers must attend the meetings in order to get a better understanding of the function of the commission as well as what the responsibilities will be for each event.</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oratory Contest – Yolanda suggested having the contest. The winner would speak at the program.</li> <li>• Vendors – the Commission is open to having vendors at the program. Yolanda stated that we can charge each vendor a fee to participate. The Commission voted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will have a discussion at the next meeting regarding weather or not to move forward with the contest.</li> </ul>

	that the fee would be \$50. There appears to be enough space for 6-8 vendors.	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights Commission (HRC) representative Bianca Chang stopped by to promote the 51<sup>st</sup> HRC Awards event and to encourage the commission members to nominate individuals and organizations for the award. She also invited the commission members to attend the event.</li> <li>• Yolanda announced that Tracey Williams was inducted to the Woman’s Hall of Fame. The announcement was met with applause from the commission members.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evelyn sent the MLK Commission members the event flier and the link to the nomination form.</li> <li>• Yolanda sent the press release announcing the event to the commission members and encouraged them to attend the event in support of Tracey.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned for April 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	Next meeting: May 6, 2020