

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES

Caroline Harper	Bert Hash, Jr.	Hunter Craig	Yolanda Sonnier
Tina Horn	Diane Martin	Yetta Roggerson	Kurt Wall
Tracey Williams	Kimberly McCauley	Bonnie Sorak	Teresa Garcia
Daniel Nairn	Lawrence Lewis, III		

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey mentioned that individual committee members have been asked to meet outside of the monthly meetings to handle business and be ready to report to the rest of the commission at the main meeting. • Bert made a motion to approve the current agenda and Diane seconded. Agenda was approved, as presented. • The September meeting Minutes were corrected, and Minutes were accepted with corrections, by consensus. • Tracey reported that we are still in need of one student commissioner and five adult commissioners. Further, Tracey reported that we have received resumes for additional commissioners and a date for interviews is needed. The commissioners discussed several possible dates for interviews. • Tracey discussed whether we will hold an in-person v. virtual celebration for this year. Tracey reported it was previously mentioned that we would wait until November to hear from County Executive. • Yolanda confirmed we should know something from the County Executive in early November regarding whether the event this year will be in person or virtual. 	
Essay & Poster Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane thanked OHR for developing the MLK Holiday contest fliers/announcements and guidelines sheets and materials have been posted online on the OHR website. • Diane reported that she intends for the fliers to be distributed to local school principals and the staff will be asked to distribute the information about this contest and the 	

	<p>deadline will be reiterated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey suggested that the fliers be distributed to the individual academic departments, in addition to the school principals. • Tracey mentioned that the fliers for the contests may need to be approved through the HCPSS public information office prior to sending them directly to the schools. • Bonnie suggested that possibly the library can help distribute fliers to spread the word about the contests. 	
<p>Living the Dream</p> <p>Chair, Yetta Roggeron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta stated that she looked at the fliers and they are beautiful. Yetta will await applications at this point. Yetta would like to make sure we advertise this contest on other websites besides the OHR's MLK site. • Yolanda stated that a Press Release was drafted and will be distributed after we receive a final copy. • Hunter questioned whether past contest winners can reapply and enter the contest this year and for future years. It was confirmed that yes, previous winners may reapply. 	
<p>Program Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina did not have a report, as their committee was unable to meet. Tina plans for this committee to meet this weekend and report back next month. 	
<p>Reception Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline reports that she is waiting to find out whether the event this year will be virtual or in person, therefore, there is no report at this time. 	
<p>Day of Service Committee</p> <p>Bert, Chair Kurt, Vice Chair</p> <p>Hunter, Special Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert discussed a pop-up pantry to be held at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex on the Day of Service with the support of the Indian Cultural Association. Bert stated that the Indian Cultural Association has already begun collecting the food supply. Bert also stated that another pop-up pantry will be held at the North Laurel Community Center. Bonnie reports the Jewish Federation will provide all the volunteers. Bert and Bonnie will further discuss who will supply the food and tables for the pop-up pantry at North Laurel Community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda will provide newsletter to grocery stores to commissioners.

	<p>Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert will talk to the Greeks to discuss volunteering this year at the Day of Service. • Bonnie suggested that possibly the libraries could be drop off locations for food donations. • Bert spoke with the Food Bank and we may be able to collaborate with them, if there is funding. • Bert mentioned the program Journey to Better Health which provides testing. Bert stated we could possibly be a sponsor for the day. • Hunter mentioned he has not reached out to the schools yet, but he does have all the contacts from last year. Hunter mentioned that he needs confirmation from the commission regarding how donations will be collected and what dates the food collections will be solicited. • Teresa suggested we ask companies to donate food this year, as opposed to students and families. • Yolanda suggested that perhaps each school could drop off at one designated grocery store or provide a link soliciting monetary donations online. • Teresa suggested we can reach out to different organizations like Bright Minds for help. • Tracey mentioned that the committee should discuss this further individually at another time. 	
<p>Publicity Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tina reported that the fliers will now be sent out on Social Media and the event will be publicized. 	
<p>Logistics Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	
<p>Oratory Contest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	

<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey mentioned that the County Executive does Toys for Tots collection every year and Tracey suggested that this commission participate in the Toys for Tots collection this year. Tracey also mentioned perhaps we can show up as a united commission to community pop-up pantries. • Daniel asked Lawrence what he might like to help with the commission. Lawrence mentioned he will reach out to the Glenelg Country School to see if they can help with Toys for Tots. 	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda mentioned there is a Human Rights Commission virtual awards ceremony on October 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. so the MLK Holiday commission may attend. • Yolanda mentioned that OHR has Bystander intervention training and Cultural awareness training regularly that the commission may attend. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned for October 7, 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: November 4, 2020