

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

Caroline Harper	Bert Hash, Jr.	Hunter Craig	Yolanda Sonnier
Daniel Nairn	Diane Martin	Yetta Roggerson	Lawrence Lewis, III
Tracey Williams	Kimberly McCauley	Bonnie Sorak	Heidi Tilkens

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
State of the Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta made changes to the October Minutes. • The October Minutes were accepted and approved by consensus. • Heidi reported that five additional prospective commissioners were recommended to the county council for appointment and we will have a full roster, if they are all approved at the upcoming council meetings. • Yolanda confirmed that we will be doing the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebration virtually this year. • Yolanda confirmed that we will do our Day of Service in person for the pop up pantries and canned goods collection. Virtual day of service events will continue. 	
Essay & Poster Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane reported that she sent the MLK contest fliers to the HCPSS communication office to be distributed to Howard County Public Schools. • Heidi reported that we received many essay and poster contest submissions. • Diane confirmed that Yetta, Yolanda, Tracey and Diane will judge the Essay and Poster submissions this year. • Diane welcomed other commissioners to join this committee. 	
Living the Dream Chair, Yetta Roggerson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yetta reported that she is awaiting submissions for this contest. • Heidi reported that one individual nomination submission was received. • Tracey reported that she received one organization nomination submission. 	

<p>Program Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey mentioned that she has started to contact students and they need to be informed that we are doing the celebration virtually. Tracey would like to have the performances prepared in advance. • Hunter opined that the performances should be prerecorded. • Hunter made a motion to have the MLK Holiday ceremony prerecorded at a location to be determined for 2021. Diane seconded the motion. Diane also suggested that we utilize COVID-19 guidelines by complying with social distancing and wearing masks when recording the ceremony. • Tracey asked for a vote on the motion to have the MLK ceremony performances prerecorded live and presented virtually. All commissioners voted in favor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heidi follow up with HCC and James Rouse Theatre to see whether they are open to allowing performances to be prerecorded at their facilities.
<p>Reception Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report as event is being held virtually this year. 	
<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 reported that pop up pantries are planned to be held at the North Laurel Community Center and Meadowbrook Athletic Complex on the Day of Service. Bert also reported that we will be partnering with the Indian Cultural Association who will supply food, tables and tents. Bert reported that Bonnie has contacted the JCRC, who will supply volunteers at North Laurel Community Center on the Day of Service. • Bert and Kurt volunteered recently with the ICA. ICA gets the food from the USDA. • Bert is also looking into getting volunteers at Meadowbrook Athletic Complex as well. • Bert reports that he would like the County Executive to attend one of the popup pantry events. • Bert reported that Hopeworks is willing to present two virtual workshops on the Day of Service, one for adults and one for young adults. • Bert reported that ICA will reach out to see whether flu shots can be offered on the Day of Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marla will need to do a flier for the food drive competition for the schools.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolanda suggested that the Health Department may be able to assist in providing flu shots on the Day of Service. • Bert mentioned the idea of partnering with Journey to Better Health to provide flu shots on the Day of Service. • Bert reported that he submitted a request to the Maryland Food Bank to hold a pantry pop up event in December. Bert relayed that the Harriet Tubman Foundation has agreed to be the 503(c) organization to sponsor this event and this will be held in December at Ridgley Run Community Center, pending approval. • Hunter reported that he spoke with two student representatives regarding the food drive contest this year and it was suggested that one specific day be selected to have community members drop off canned goods and non-perishable items at HCPSS for the competition. • Tracey suggested including the Kiwanis clubs or other clubs to help with this competition. • Hunter reported that once the food is collected, students will take the food to the food bank. Hunter also mentioned perhaps commissioners can help pick up some of the food to be delivered to the food bank. • Bonnie suggested that the donated food be placed directly into the back of the vehicles to make the process easier. • Hunter suggested January 6, 2021 for the food drop off day and December was also mentioned. • Yolanda suggested December 10 as a food drop off day as that is the day Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize. • Bonnie suggested the food drop off day be in January, as many donations are solicited in December. • Bert also asked for additional ideas for virtual Day of Service events. 	
Publicity Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report. 	

Logistics Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 	
Oratory Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heidi mentioned that we need a chair and members for the Oratory Contest committee. Daniel and Hunter volunteered to join the committee. Daniel was appointed as Chair of the Oratory Contest committee. Yolanda, Tracey and Tina will also participate with this committee. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonnie questioned who will be responsible for generating fliers for the virtual ceremony, Day of Service event, and food drive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marla will generate fliers for related MLK events.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracey announced that each committee should be providing a written report prior to each meeting. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bert made a motion to adjourn and Caroline seconded. Meeting adjourned for November 4, 2020 at 7:38 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting: December 2, 2020