



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
7:00pm**

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | Lorraine Miller, President |
| II. Opening Prayer | Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain |
| III. Greetings | Lorraine Miller, President |
| IV. Freedom Fund Dinner Update | Ruby Lewis, Secretary |
| V. Treasurer Report | Angela Wood, Treasurer |
| VI. <u>Committee Reports:</u> | |
| o DC Area Council | Sable Nelson |
| o Young Adults | Akosua Tyus |
| o Health | Shavon Arline |
| o Economic Empowerment | Rebecca Thompson |
| o Education | Gloria Jefferson |
| o Membership Services | Elnora Fitzgerald |
| o Veteran Affairs | Joe Wynn |
| o Youth Works | E. Gail Anderson-Holness |
| VII. Announcements | |
| VIII. Next Meeting Date | |
| IX. Adjournment | |



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MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm, by Lorraine Miller, President.
- II. Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
- III. Lorraine Miller welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. Angela Wood, Treasurer, reported that the branch is current on all expenditures and office expenses.
- V. The minutes from the January 10, 2008 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- VI. Ruby Lewis, Freedom Fund Dinner Chair announced the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala originally scheduled for October 13, 2007 has been re-scheduled to Wednesday, March 5, 2008. It will be held at the Grand Hyatt hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the Dynamic Superiors. Ticket prices are \$100 or \$750 per table. Key persons include Nancy Pelosi, Robert McGlotten, Dorothy Jackson, and W. Ronald Evans.
- VII. Ruby Lewis announced we are currently interviewing candidates for the DC Branch Office Manager position. Several candidates have been identified and a selection will be made by the end of the month. We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff the branch office while we continue to review resumes and interview applicants.
- VIII. Peter Carr, HU NAACP President thanked the DC Branch for the financial support and donations assisting with the bust trip to Jena, Louisiana for the Jena 6 rally.
- IX. Committee Reports:

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus explained the objectives of the Young Adults Committee are to recruit young adult members and encourage their participation in the branch initiatives through actively chairing and participating on committees of the Washington, DC Branch. The YAC meets monthly to highlight the mission on the NAACP, objectives of the DC

Branch, and discuss various education, economic, political, and health issues of interest to young adults. Our current initiatives are to continue to increase the visibility of the NAACP DC Branch amongst young adults within the DC community, encourage membership dues payment, and motivate young adult members to be active committee chairs and members within the DC Branch. On Thursday, November 29, 2007, we collaborated with Thursday Network, NCNW, and the NAACP DCAC units to co-host a State of Emergency Forum on the unjust treatment of African-American youth within our juvenile justice system. We are now co-hosting First Fridays at Felix with several other young professional organizations. Our first event co-hosting First Fridays was held on Friday, December 7, 2007. Monday, December 17, 2007 we co-hosted the Advance Film Screening of "The Great Debaters" with Thursday Network.

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline, Health Chair announced the Healthcare committee most recently has been working diligently on the Safe Prescription Act with the support of members of the Executive committee. The committee received word from David Catania's office the bill passed in January. The Healthcare committee has been approached by Melissa Bishop Murphy of Pfizer to partner on new health initiatives this year. If funding is available for the branch, the committee will follow – up with the Executive Board to decide if we are interested in forming a partnership. There are developing plans for a HIV/AIDS event for the NAACP Young Adult and College chapters in the district. More information will be made available. Melissa Middleton, PhD of the Society of Academic Medicine (SAEM) has invited the DC Branch of the NAACP to participate in their panel discussion on May 28, 2008 at the Acute Care Research Network Conference. The SAEM is working to facilitate the establishment of an optimal infrastructure for emergency care research networks so that research can be done in a manner that includes diverse patient groups with respect to age, gender, ethnicity, and medical needs. The healthcare committee will try to find a new meeting schedule since attendance has been minimal. I am proposing conference calls.

Economic Empowerment Committee

- Rebecca Thompson, Economic Empowerment Chair announced on March 11, 2008 we will co-host a Tax Preparation workshop with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

Political Action Committee

- Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, announced the Pre-Primary Caucus was held Saturday, January 19, 2008 at McKinley High School located at 2nd and T Street, NW. The Political Action Committee agenda was set to address payday lending, DC Voting Rights, voter education, and voter registration.

Veteran Affairs Committee

- Joe Wynn, Third Vice President and Veteran Affairs Committee Chair announced Veteran Affairs Committee meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Office of Veteran Affairs, located at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Veteran Affairs Committee Chair announced Veteran Affairs Committee co-hosted the monthly Veterans United for Community Service (VUCS) Forum on January 3, 2008, along with the D.C. Office of Veterans Affairs, the National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS), and the Veterans Enterprise Training & Services Group (VETS)

Group). The purpose of the forum is to exchange information and ideas with Veterans, Agency Representatives, Community Leaders and Residents.

X. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

ATTENDEES

Shavon Arline
Britney Autry
Ernestine Brown
Rochelle Bryant
Peter Carr
Rev. Dr. Nina Conner
Barbara Ferguson Kamara
Elnora Fitzgerald
Anthony Floyd
Carmen Francis
Beverly Gurley
Laura Jackson
Theresa Johnson
Denise Keels
Hazel Kennedy
Eugene Dewitt Kinlow
Angelique Lew
Ceily Moore
Alexander Nelson
Cassandra Owens
Laisha Owens
Eddie Paige
Cory Scott
E. Ned Sloan
Eva Stephens
Lacy Streeter
Rebecca Thompson
Akosua Tyus
Regina Williams
Angela Wood
Ardell Woodland

Total Attendees	31
Visitors	11



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- II. The Young Adults Committee meets monthly to highlight the mission on the NAACP, objectives of the DC Branch, and discuss various education, economic, political, and health issues of interest to young adults.
- III. Our current initiatives are to continue increase the visibility of the NAACP DC Branch amongst young adults within the DC community, encourage membership dues payment, and motivate young adult members to be active committee chairs and members within the DC Branch.
- IV. YAC Accomplishments:
 - Young Adults member, Kassidy Johnson has resigned as Public Relations Chairperson due to accepting a new job in Atlanta, GA.
 - Created a mass e-mail distribution system through the www.naacpdc.org website, which is hosted by the Godaddy.com service.
 - Established a partnership with the Talented Tenth Society for promoting (F3) First Fridays at Felix, which is a monthly social event that promotes the visibility of the NAACP among young adults.
- V. YAC Goals:
 - Activate and recruit an International Affairs Committee Chair
 - Activate and recruit a (WIN) Women In NAACP Committee Chair
 - Recruit a WebMaster to develop and maintain the branch website
 - Recruit a Social Event Planner to plan social events targeting young adults (i.e. Happy Hours)
 - Recruit a Fundraising Committee Co-Chair to specifically solicit and coordinate sponsorships
 - Recruit a Membership Committee Co-Chair to plan membership drives targeting young adults and assist Mrs. Fitzgerald with processing memberships
- VI. Upcoming Events:
 - Thursday Network has invited us to participate in Sports Jam on Saturday, May 31, 2008. This event will be a physical and mental competition for young professionals to raise funds for Thursday Networks scholarship and tutorial programs.

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Akosua Tyus 3/12/2008

- The NAACP Leadership 500 Summit will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona May 22-25, 2008.
- Creative Cause has invited us to participate in the Next Wave Action Summit from April 4-6, 2008. This summit is to develop young professionals as the next wave of change within their communities.

VII. Past Events:

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- We are now co-hosting First Fridays at Felix with several other young professional organizations. Our first event co-hosting First Fridays was held on Friday, December 7, 2007. We have continued to co-host First Fridays at Felix in January, February, and March.
- The Economic Empowerment Committee co-hosted a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Akosua Tyus 3/12/2008



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Economic Empowerment Committee Report

- I. The objective of the Economic Empowerment committee is to accelerate economic growth in our communities and eliminate existing racial and ethnic economic disparities through implementing educational and advocacy programs.
- II. The Economic Empowerment Committee co-hosted a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- III. The Economic Empowerment Committee plans to implement two events during the NAACP Centennial year (September 2008 – July 2009).
- IV. The Economic Empowerment Committee will meet via conference call. The conference dial-in number is (712) 432-1699 and the access code is 401340#.

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Healthcare Committee Report

- I. The DC Branch of the NAACP will participate on a panel discussion in reference to emergency care for minorities on May 28, 2008 at 12 p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park. Shavon Arline, chair of the healthcare committee will represent the branch.
- II. The Healthcare committee is developing a strategic health agenda for the centennial, which will include implementing several initiatives to reduce HIV rates within the DC community.
- III. **Health Focus Group**
 - We plan to form a focus group to develop a strategic agenda to reduce HIV rates in the DC community and assess the needs in educating the DC community about sexual health.
 - This focus group will include pastors, teachers, cause focused non-profit organizations, and chapter-level black organizations.
- IV. **“Health within the African-American Community” Forum**
 - We would like to plan a Health Centennial Event on a Saturday or weekday event as a part of CBC week or immediately following in October 2008.
 - This forum will include a keynote speaker and/or a panel of health professionals promoting sexual health within the African-American community through educating the community on HIV and other STD’s.
 - This will be held in a community center within Washington, DC, which will be metro accessible to students and low-income communities.
 - The target audience for this forum will be DCPS high school students, churches, and middle/low-income community members.
 - We plan to have radio stations promote this forum and possibly broadcast on-site.
 - Free Confidential HIV Testing will be available on-site.
 - We would also like to offer prize incentives for completing HIV testing.
- V. In closing, the healthcare committee will continue to hold monthly conference calls. The call number is (712) 432-1620 access code 945876#.

Submitted by:
Shavon L. Arline, MPH



NAACP DC Area Council Report

- I. Our 1st Quarter meeting was held on Sunday, February 2, 2008 at Georgetown University's Intercultural Center (ICC) in Room 108.
- II. At 4:25, Sable Nelson, DCAC President, called the meeting to order
- III. Roll Call
 - The following Units were present:
 - i. American University, two Executive Committee members present
 - ii. Georgetown University, six Executive Committee members present
 - iii. Howard University, two Executive Committee members present
 - iv. University of the District of Columbia, two Executive Committee members present
 - v. DC Youth Council, Advisor
 - Absent Units:
 - i. George Washington University
 - Advisors Present:
 - i. Akosua Tyus, DCAC Advisor
 - ii. Denise Keels, DC Youth Council Advisor
 - iii. Gerard Charles, DCAC Co-Advisor and Adult Representative on the National Youth Work Committee
- IV. Sable Nelson made the following announcements
 - Hillary Shelton, Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau has announced that the NAACP Presidential Candidate Questionnaire is available. The questionnaire contains questions and the candidates' answers (200 words or less) on issues of crucial importance to the NAACP and the communities we serve. To access the questionnaire go the NAACP website, www.NAACP.org or contact the NAACP Washington Bureau at (202) 463-2940.
 - Ruby Lewis, Secretary of the Washington, DC Adult Branch has expressed a need for stuffing, sealing and stamping letters and invitations for the DC Branch Freedom Fund Dinner "Gala." Any available time between 10am and 8:30pm is appreciated. Please let Akosua know.
 - The "Potomac Primary" (i.e. DC, MD and VA) will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Units should spread the word to their respective campuses and communities as well as register voters.
 - The NAACP Hollywood Bureau presents the 39th Annual Image Awards which will air live on the local fox affiliate at 8pm on Thursday. February 14, 2008. I

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encourage you and your friends to support by watching or voting online at www.naacpimageawards.net. If you receive the Crisis Magazine, there is a paper ballot available there as well. Note: you do have to be a member of the NAACP to vote.

- The Annual Meeting for the NAACP will be held President's Day Weekend (February 14-16). Each of the National Committees, including the National Youth Work Committee (Region VII Adult Representative: Gerard Charles; Region VII Adult Representatives: Edmund Miller (replacing Kimberly McConkey formerly from George Washington University) and Erica McLaughlin (also Region VII Youth Representative on the National Board of Directors)) will be meeting in person on Thursday and Friday. The National Board Meeting will be held on Saturday at the New York Hilton and is open to the public. New board members will be sworn in on that day. Sable Nelson will be sworn in as the Region VII Youth Representative on the National Board of Directors.
- Folders were distributed including:
 - i. Example of the proper NAACP DC AC Chapter Update
 - ii. Executive Committee Roster for each NAACP DC AC Unit
 - iii. Compliance Paperwork:
 1. Blank Quarterly Report
 2. Blank Fiscal Year 2007 Report

V. Ellie Gunderson, DCAC Secretary, distributed the Minutes of the October 14, 2007 structuring meeting. No amendments were made. The Minutes were approved as written.

VI. Akosua Tyus distributed copies of the DRAFT DCAC Bylaws developed in 2004 by the original DCAC Structuring Committee and Region VII Youth & College Field Office. No amendments were made. The Bylaws were approved as written.

VII. Victoria Everett, from American University, was voted DCAC Education Chair. Michelle Harper, from the University of the District of Columbia, was voted DCAC Youth Steering Committee Chair

VIII. Akosua Tyus gave an overview of how to get into compliance with the National Office. As of the 1st Quarter Meeting, none of the Units were in compliance.

IX. Chapter Updates were presented by:

Georgetown University	Ellie Gunderson, GU, President
George Washington University	Sean White, GWU Vice-President*
Howard University	Britney Autry, Secretary
DC Youth Council	Ashley Taliaferro, DCYC President*

*Executive Committee Members from the DC Youth Council and George Washington University were not present in person but sent in a chapter update prior to the 1st Quarter DC AC meeting.

- The Chapter Updates Consisted of
 1. A listing of programs from the last quarter (i.e. October 2007-December 2007)

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- a. Title
 - b. Date
 - c. 1-2 sentence summary
 - d. Committee Responsible
2. One example of success in the last quarter (i.e. October 2007-December 2007)
 3. One area of improvement in the last quarter (i.e. October 2007-December 2007)

X. Re-Activation Status:

- Both AU and UDC have been reactivated!
- Razzi Cooper, President University of the District of Columbia NAACP, explained about the HIV/AIDS program the Unit put on last quarter. The DC AC needs the unit number, unit charter and Executive Committee Roster for its records.
- Victoria Everett and Brandi Mirzakhani, members of the American University NAACP Reactivation Committee, announced that they have been recognized by their school's Office of Student Activities and have their 25 paid members in order to be recognized by the National Office. A town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6pm with the purpose of formally announcing the creation of the chapter, electing officers and committee chairs as well as brainstorming program ideas.

XI. Sable Nelson, explained the "Circle of Praise", an opportunity for the highest ranking officer of each unit present acknowledge an Executive Committee/General Body member who did outstanding work in the last quarter

- The following dedicated Freedom Fighters were recognized and will receive acknowledgement from the NAACP DC AC:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Individual(s) Recognized</i>	<i>Rationale</i>
American University (by Victoria Everett)	Brandi Mirzakhani	Spearheading the reactivation of the AU Chapter
DC Area Council (by Brittney Autry, Ceily Moore and Sable Nelson)	Akosua Tyus	Being informed, using a friendly hands on approach and bringing a youthful face to the Association
DC Area Council (by Sable Nelson)	Gerard Charles	For his years of dedication to the NAACP on the National Youth Work Committee, DC YC and DC AC
	George Washington University	Implementing innovative programs
DC Youth Council (by Denise Keels)	Ashley Taliaferro	Giving her all to the DC Youth Council despite her busy schedule
Georgetown University (by Ellie Gunderson)	Chelsea Irwin, Kenneth Mitchell	Working hard despite not having positions
	James Bowden, Jheanelle Brown, Adam Lovallo and	Being a energetic and supportive Executive

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	Ashley Williams	Committee Members
Howard University (by Ceily Moore)	Brittney Autry	Coordinating chapter efforts behind the scenes
University of the District of Columbia (by Michelle Harper)	Razzi Cooper	Spearheading the reactivation of the UDC Chapter

XII. Ellie Gunderson asked for amendments to the DCAC Contact Information for individual Unit Executive Committee Members

XIII. Ellie Gunderson asked for amendments to the DCAC Calendar

XIV. Next Meeting - Sunday, April 13, 2007

- Will be hosted by Howard University
- The February Chapter Check-in will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2007

XV. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm

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