



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2008
Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
7:00pm**

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