



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 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 7:15pm, by Lorraine Miller, President.
- II. Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
- III. Lorraine Miller welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. Ruby Lewis, Freedom Fund Dinner Chair announced the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner was held Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Grand Hyatt hotel. Entertainment will be provided by the Dynamic Superiors. The final net profit from the Freedom Fund dinner is still being finalized because there are still several outstanding sponsorship checks, which will increase the final net profit.
- V. The minutes from the February 14, 2008 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- VI. Angela Wood, Treasurer, reported the Freedom Fund Dinner raised an estimated gross \$134,000 and expenses \$96,000. 35% of the Net Profit raised will be remitted to the National Office. The net profit is not yet finalized, due to outstanding funds.
- VII. Committee Reports:

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline, Health Chair announced she will represent the NAACP DC Branch Healthcare committee in a panel discussion hosted by the Society of Academic Medicine (SAEM) 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 have monthly conference calls instead of committee meetings.

Economic Empowerment Committee

- Rebecca Thompson, Economic Empowerment Chair announced we co-hosted a successful Tax Preparation workshop on March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. Next year, we would like to plan a larger workshop in a computer lab, so that individuals can e-file their taxes.

Political Action Committee

- Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, announced that as a political organization the NAACP is dedicated to impacting change by directly addressing issues not only relevant to the local black community but also on a statewide and national level in the actions of the decision-making forces in state and national government. In order to get people mobilized the duties of the political action chair include an ongoing movement to not only register voters but also to empower them by directing them towards resources that will help them make informed decisions. The political action committee makes it a point to remain aware of what measures are being taken at the local, state and national levels in the struggle for civil rights and informs the general body of these measures so that we as an organization can act accordingly.

ACT-SO

- Ruby Lewis, ACT-SO Chair announced the ACT-SO Competition will be held Saturday, April 19, 2008. The national competition will held separate from the National Convention in Orlando, FL to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of ACT-SO.

Membership Services

- Elnora Fitzgerald, Membership Services Chair announced 15 memberships were processed in February 2008.

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.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

Attendees:

Angela Wood
Ardell Woodland
Denise Keels
E. Ned Sloan
Ernestine Brown
Hazel Kennedy
Jack Evans
Joe Wynn
Lacy Streeter
Lorraine Miller
Louise Langley
Rebecca Thompson
Ruby Lewis
Shavon Arline
Rev. James Coleman
Rev. Shearrin
Eugene Kinlow
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