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**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 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 E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President.
- II. Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
- III. E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. The minutes from the May 8, 2008 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- V. Ruby Lewis announced the NAACP 99th Annual Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio July 12-17, 2008. Ten delegates have been elected to represent the DC Branch at the national convention.
- VI. Darrell Gaston introduced himself and announced that he is running for Ward 8 City Council.
- VII. Akosua Tyus explained the proposed re-design of the DC Branch website. Felix Sorgho explained the features proposed to be included in the website re-design. It was approved for him to perform the website re-design.
- VIII. Akosua Tyus and Rebecca Thompson gave an overview of the 4th Annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, which was held May 22-25 at the Phoenician Resort and Spa in Scottsdale Arizona. The summit included workshops, interactive panel discussions and general sessions led by prominent private sector, non-profit, corporate, and community leaders. The general session was a powerful panel discussion about the "Status of African-American Women." We attended an "Economic Parity and Wealth Creation: A Path to Greater Wealth Creation," a workshop highlighting opportunities to own your own business and sharing information about other wealth building opportunities. The town hall meeting was about Race & Religion in American Politics. The theme was "Leadership By Design: Ensuring Our Legacy," which emphasized leaders are not born, they're developed. Effective leadership is a destination achieved through careful thought, consideration and action.

IX. Committee Reports:

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus announced the Young Adults Committee is 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 within the DC Branch. Other YAC goals include activating and recruiting an International Affairs Committee Chair, recruiting a (WIN) Women In NAACP Committee Chair, and recruiting a WebMaster. Previous YAC events include 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 out juvenile justice system. We co-hosted the Advance Film Screening of “The Great Debaters” with Thursday Network on Monday, December 17, 2007. 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, March, and April. Recently appointed Public Relations Chairperson, Kassidy Johnson, has resigned from her position due to accepting a new job in Atlanta, GA.

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline will schedule a conference call to begin planning the “Heart & Head” HIV and AIDS Awareness event for the DC Branch centennial series.

Economic Empowerment

- Rebecca Thompson announced the Economic Empowerment committee had a successful year coordinating investment planning and tax preparation financial education workshops for young adult committee meetings and co-hosting a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ACT-SO

- Ruby Lewis, ACT-SO Chair announced the ACT-SO Competition was 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.

X. The meeting adjourned at 9:12pm.

ATTENDEES:

Darrell Gaston
Rhonda McManus
Kelvin Lassiter
Debra Jones
Ruby Lewis
J. Raymond Murray
Joe Wynn
E. Ned Sloan
Akosua Tyus
Michele Jawando
Shavon Arline

Louise Langley
Jack Edward Evans
Elnora Fitzgerald
Victoria Everett
Josh Jefferson
Gloria Jefferson
Eva Stephens
Rev. James Coleman

<p>18 Total 2 Visitors</p>
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