



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2007
Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
7:00pm**

MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm, by Lorraine Miller, President.
- II. Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
- III. Lorraine Miller welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. The minutes from the June 14, 2007 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- V. Angela Wood, Treasurer, reported that the branch is current on all expenditures and office expenses.
- VI. Angelique Lewis greeted the DC Branch and explained the planning that she has begun for the Justice for Jena 6 March, which is planned to take place on the national mall. Pater Carr and Brittney Autry from the Howard University NAACP Chapter announced the chapter is raising funds to charter a bus to travel to Jena, Louisiana for the Jena 6 rally. The DC Branch contributed donations from the general membership and individual members offered to assist buy donating water, snacks, and goods.
- VII. Hazel Kennedy, Fundraising Chair announced the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala scheduled for October 13, 2007 will need to be rescheduled due to lack of ticket sales. She will begin coordination with the hotel to revise the contract for a later date.
- VIII. Ruby Lewis, Secretary announced the DC Branch will conduct a membership and voter registration drive at the NCNW Black Family Reunion.
- IX. Gerard Charles recently resigned as Advisor of the DC Youth Council and Denise Keels was elected advisor of the DC Youth Council. Since the advisor of the DC Youth Council is an ex-officio member of the DC Branch Executive Committee, Denise Keels was appointed to the DC Branch Executive Committee.
- X. Committee Reports:

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus explained the objectives of the Young Adults Committee of the DC Branch being to recruit new young adult members and encouraged participation in DC Branch initiatives through actively participating on the Education, Economic Empowerment, Health, Political Action, and Youth Works committees. The YAC also initiated a Black Organization Collaborative initiative with several black community organizations in DC. The first meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2007. The organizations that attended the BOC meeting included Urban League Young Professionals, National Council of Negro Woman, National Black MBA Association, National Society of Black Engineers, National Pan Hellenic Council, Washington Teachers' Union, Morehouse Club, DC Metro CITE, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, 100 Black Men, Delta Sigma Theta, and Sigma Gamma Rho. The purpose of this collaborative is to strategically collaborate on addressing mutual issues within the community.

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline, Health Chair announced the first Health Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 6:30pm in the Black Women's Health Imperative office located at 1420 K St, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC. The NAACP has 5 major health advocacy areas in which the Health Department requests that branch health committees focus their efforts on racial disparities and access to health care, HIV/AIDS, respiratory diseases, mental health, and obesity/obesity related diseases.

Economic Empowerment Committee

- Rebecca Thompson, Economic Empowerment Chair announced 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. There are several programs developed by the NAACP National Office, which the Economic Empowerment Committee has requested information on implementing. These programs include Building on a Dream, Economic Reciprocity Initiative, Bank of America's Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI), and the Reginald F. Lewis Youth Entrepreneurial Institute. The Economic Empowerment Committee identified several workshops to be planned and conducted throughout the year. Some of these workshops will focus on Homeownership, Entrepreneurial Development, Credit Repair, Jobs, Tax Preparation, or Predatory Lending.

Political Action Committee

- Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, announced that the Political Action Committee met on June 6, 2007. 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.

XI. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

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

<p>31 Total Attendees 11 Visitors</p>
