



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2007
Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm, by E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President.
- II. Rev. Morris Shearin gave the opening prayer.
- III. E. Ned Sloan welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. The minutes from the April 12, 2007 General Body Meeting were distributed and read silently by the general body. Carmen Francis, DC Branch member, identified a correction to be made to the Fundraising Committee section of the minutes. Rev. Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness motioned the approval and acceptance of the minutes with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Joe Wynn and approved by the general body.
- V. Angela Wood, Treasurer, reported that the branch has an operating balance of \$4,800. The branch is current on all expenditures and office expenses.
- VI. Lorraine Miller, President, announced that the National Convention will be held July 7-12 in Detroit, MI. Ruby Lewis, Secretary, read the schedule and fee for the National Convention and led the election of ten delegates to attend the National Convention. The ten delegates elected to attend the national convention include Lorraine Miller, Joe Wynn, Louise Langley, Rev. E. Gail Anderson-Holness, Angela Wood, Elnora Fitzgerald, E. Ned Sloan, Ernestine Brown, Theresa Johnson, and Bishop Imogene Stewart. Alternate delegates elected include Gloria Jefferson, Joshua Jefferson, and Doris Mack. Akosua Tyus plans to attend the national convention, but will be unable to represent the branch as a delegate for the duration of the convention due to work. The question was raised on the financial support that the branch would provide for delegates. Registration fee would be paid but financial support beyond that is not likely. Angela Wood said she would take a look at the costs and get back to the branch.

VII. Committee Reports:

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus, Assistant Secretary and Young Adults Committee Chair announced that the first Young Adults Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 was very successful. 27 young adult professionals attended this first meeting, including three new financial members. Stefanie Brown (NAACP Youth & College, National Director), Ernest Coverson (NAACP Region VII, Director), and Michael Wotorson (NAACP Education Department, Director) brought greetings from the NAACP National Office. Nathan Saunders, General Vice President of the Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6 welcomed the NAACP young adults to the Washington Teachers' Union located at 1717 K Street, NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC. We explained the mission of the NAACP, the objectives of the DC Branch, and encouraged attendees to assist in implementing DC Branch initiatives through joining the Education, Economic Empowerment, Health, Political Action, and Youth Works committees.
- In addition, the Young Adults Committee is initiating a coalition between several black community organizations in DC including 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, Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., and Sigma Gamma Rho, Sorority, Inc. The purpose of this coalition will be to strategically collaborate on addressing mutual issues within the community. We seek to meet quarterly to strategize, align similar objectives, support programs, and potentially co-sponsor programs within the community. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00pm in the Washington Teachers' Union Conference Room.

Youth Works Committee

- Rev. Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness reported that the Youth Works Committee plans to work with the DC Area Council on implementing a mentorship program between the DC branch, youth council, and college chapter members. This program will involve creating a database of interested members' professional backgrounds and implementing programs to support the professional development of youth and young adults.
- UDC has formed an activation committee to charter a college chapter. They have the funding for the 30 members necessary to charter a college chapter.

Fundraising Committee:

- Akosua Tyus announced that the branch is planning a black tie banquet in October 2007, as a fundraiser for the branch. Hazel Kennedy is the chair of the Fundraising Committee.

ACT-SO Committee

- Ruby Lewis, ACT-SO Chair, reported that the ACT-SO competition was held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at UDC from 10:00am to 2:00pm followed by the Awards Ceremony. ACT-SO is a program for high school students between grades 9 and 12. 5 students will represent us at the National Competition. She expressed disappointment in the lack of support that adult members of the branch showed for this program. If we as a branch are going to emphasize the importance of youth, we need to start by supporting the youth programs of the DC Branch such as ACT-SO and Youth Council activities. Only two members of the branch attended the NAACP, DC Youth Council's recent Fashion Show.

Education Committee

- Gloria Jefferson, Education Committee Chair, announced that the Education Committee met on Thursday, April 17, 2007. The committee would like to focus on tracking DCPS class sizes, monitor resources in elementary schools, monitor Mayor Fenty’s plan, attend other education organization meetings, attend DC School Board meetings, and present the NAACP Call to Action in Education plan to Mayor Fenty.

Legal Redress

- E. Ned Sloan reported that a Complaint Form has been developed and will be used to track and address complaints received by the branch. He would like to develop and maintain a database tracking complaints received, addressed, and forwarded on by the DC Branch. William Jawando recommended that the DC Branch consult the NAACP Legal Department for advice in developing a tracking system similar to the one they currently have in effect. In addition, the DC Branch can forward out-of-state complaints to the NAACP Legal Department. Angela Wood, Louise Langley, William Jawando, Michele Jawando, and Terry Walker agreed to assist E. Ned Sloan in developing and implementing this complaint tracking system.

Political Action Committee

- Ruby Lewis announced that the NAACP National Civic Engagement Department encourages Political Action Committees to implement voter registration programs and submit a quarterly report to the National Office.

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.

Resolution Committee

- Joe Wynn, 3rd Vice President attended the Resolution Committee meeting on May 3, 4, and 5, 2007 in Baltimore, MD. At this meeting committee members discussed the resolutions that had been submitted by the branches and amendments to the bylaws of the NAACP.

WIN Committee

- Gloria Jefferson announced that she has been the chair of the (WIN) Women in NAACP Committee. Imogene Stewart, Ruby Lewis, Angela Wood, and Laura Jackson volunteered to work with Gloria Jefferson on the WIN Committee.

VIII. Rev. Shearin gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

ATTENDEES

Dr. E. Gail Anderson-Holness
 Ernestine Brown
 Jack Evans
 Elnora Fitzgerald
 Carmen Francis
 Laura Jackson
 Michele Lawrence Jawando
 William Jawando
 Gloria Jefferson
 Joshua Jefferson
 Sylvia Jeter
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Theresa Johnson
 Warren Johnson, Jr.
 Joseph Kitchen
 Louise Langley
 Ruby Lewis
 Lorraine Miller
 Sedrick Muhammad
 Morris Shearin
 E. Ned Sloan
 Bishop Imogene Stewart
 Emily Suarez-Harris
 Completed 5/23/07

Akosua Tyus
 Terry Walker
 Regina Williams
 Jessie Wilson
 Angela Wood
 Ardell Woodland
 Joe Wynn

<p>29 Total Attendees 2 Visitors</p>

Approved 6/14/07