



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2007
Israel Baptist Church
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

- I. Peter Carr, Brittney Autry, and Ceily Moore, NAACP Howard University Chapter reported that 41 Howard students and 9 adults traveled 26 hours (one-way) to Jena, LA on September 20, to attend the Jena 6 rally. Approximately 9,000 students and 1,000 adults attended rallies which were conducted in three sites in Jena before the supporters were able to converge at the LaSalle Parish Courthouse. Peter Carr, Chapter President, presented thank you notes for donors who contributed to the Chapter's travel costs.
- II. The Local Branch requested that NAACP members contact and show support to Rev. Raymond Bell, Pastor, First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, who is first cousin to Jena 6 defendant Mychal Bell.
- III. Campbell C. Johnson, III, President, Enterprise Development Institute, proposed that a Local Justice Task Force (Action Committee) be initiated to receive individual and community concerns and to address disparity. The motion was approved. Mr. Johnson is seeking volunteers to serve on the newly formed Local Justice Task Force. Campbell C. Johnson, III, Chairman, Urban Housing Alliance will provide property tax reduction information to displaced moderate and low-income families on Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m., Spirit of Peace Baptist Church, 4311 R Street, Capitol Heights, MD.
- IV. The local branch of the American Jewish Committee will host the Black-Jewish Dialogue meeting on November 8. The DC Public School's Superintendent will participate in the forum. The American Jewish Committee's annual convention will be held on October 15, 6:30 p.m., Washington Hebrew Congregation, in Northwest DC. Tickets are \$25.00.
- V. Committee Reports:

Political Action Committee

- Eugene Kinlow, Outreach Director, DC Vote, reported that the DC Voting Rights legislation (Congressional Seat) failed to receive the 60 votes needed for cloture (57-42). Advocates will continue to garner support from City Council members in DC's eight Wards and from Congress via constituents who have moved to Washington. The *Washington Post's*, October 9, Metro Section contains an article concerning the possible outcome of a vote in 2009. The Stand Up for Democracy, Free DC, 10th Anniversary celebration will be held at Carnegie Library on Friday, October 19. Marion Barry is expected to attend. The Honorable Vincent Gray, DC City Council Chair, will host a youth forum on Saturday, October 13, at the DC City Council office building.

Veteran Affairs Committee

- The NAACP National Convention approved Joe Wynn's (Local Branch -- Veterans Affairs) Resolution that veteran workshops be included at local, state, regional, and national conferences. The Texas State Convention invited Joe Wynn to attend their session and to assist in presenting 2 1/2 days of veteran workshops. Saturday, November 10, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. A 9:30 a.m. parade and other events are being planned. Volunteers are needed.

Fundraising Committee

- The October 13, "Barrier Breakers" Freedom Fund Gala was postponed/canceled because of low ticket sales and sponsorship.

VI. Bishop Imogene B. Stewart announced African American Veterans and Families will host the 40th annual Thanksgiving Day dinner on Thursday, November 22, at 1110A 6th Street, N.E., DC 20006, (202) 518-8488.