



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2007
Israel Baptist Church
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President.
- II. Ms. Theresa Johnson gave the opening prayer.
- III. E. Ned Sloan welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. Minutes from the October 11, 2007 General Body Meeting were distributed and read silently by the general body. The minutes were approved by the general body with the necessary corrections.
- V. The local branch of the American Jewish Committee hosted the Black-Jewish Dialogue meeting on November 8. The DC Public School's Chancellor Michelle Rhee participated in the forum. Lorraine Miller, DC NAACP Branch President, and Ernestine Brown, local branch member, attended. Ms. Brown reported that Ms. Rhee was well received and that attendees expressed support for Ms. Rhee's proposals to improve the District's schools, which may include closing and restructuring 25 schools and dismissing staff.
- VI. Terry Walker, President, National Action Network, and Campbell C. Johnson, III, President, Enterprise Development Institute, distributed the November 10 -15, pre-march agenda of activities and donation envelopes to support the November 16, National March on Washington for Justice – Jena II. The 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 8, Press Conference was held at First Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where Rev. Raymond Bell, who is first cousin to Jena 6 defendant Mychal Bell, serves as Pastor.

The National March on Washington for Justice Jena II:

Saturday, November 10, 2007 - Planning Meeting, Union Temple Baptist Church

Sunday, November 11, 2007 -Worship Service, Mt. Enon Baptist Church

Monday, November 12, 2007 - Lecture, Rev. Al Sharpton, Trinidad Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - Lecture, Rev. Al Sharpton, UDC

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 - Clergy Fellowship, Antioch Baptist Church

Thursday, November 15, 2007 - National Pre-March Rally, Scripture Cathedral

Friday, November 16, 2007 - National March on Washington for Justice Jena II

- VII. Campbell C. Johnson, III, President, Enterprise Development Institute, presented the Justice Task Force Action report. The Task Force's purpose may include "issues of oppression, health, family, politics, economics, local, national and international justice".

E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President, proposed that the Justice Task Force's action plan be placed on the agenda for the Thursday, December 13, meeting, to permit further study and discussion. The motion was approved. Campbell C. Johnson, III, Chair, the Urban Housing Alliance, and the DC Police Department staff will address safety concerns on Saturday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00, at Simpson-Hamline United Methodist Church, 4501 16th Street. N.W. Charles Lowry, Center for Responsible Lending, will provide materials for distribution as requested from a previous meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports:

Legal Redress Committee:

- E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President, DC NAACP Branch, stated that legislation has been submitted to the DC City Council to authorize Ms. Rhee to remove approximately 200 Central Office employees by changing their status from Civil Service to At Will, so that employees may be fired for any reason that does not violate their Civil Rights. Maudine Cooper, Union President, has organized an effort to protect the members' jobs. Branch members acknowledged that the monthly meeting schedule limits the Branch's ability to respond to issues in a timely manner.

Veteran Affairs Committee:

- Joe Wynn, 3rd Vice President and Veterans Affairs Committee Chair asked that the Local Branch send a letter to Roslyn Brock, NAACP National Committee Chair, to request adherence to the July 2007 Resolution that veteran workshops be included at local, state, regional, and national conferences. Joe Wynn assisted in presenting two days of veteran information workshops and exhibits at the Texas State Convention in McAllen, TX. Joe Wynn stated that Denise Williams, retired Army veteran, attended the November 1, Veterans Affairs community meeting to promote pre-paid legal services to assist veterans in starting businesses and for personal, legal concerns. Joe Wynn and Jack Evans introduced members of the National Center for Black Veterans, Milwaukee, WI, where a 15 single room occupancy, transitional housing facility has been established for disabled veterans who are 55 years of age and older. The DC Veterans Affairs Committee is seeking to establish a similar facility. Joe Wynn and staff are assisting in the planning and coordination of the Saturday, November 10, 25th anniversary celebration of the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. The Fannie Mae Foundation's donation will cover the expenses. Sweatshirts, caps, and vests will be available for participants.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.