



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 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 7:18pm, by Lorraine Miller.
- II. Angela Wood, Treasurer announced the Freedom Fund Dinner raised a Net Profit of \$38,596. There are still several outstanding sponsorship checks, which will increase the final net profit. The Freedom Fund Dinner raised an estimated gross \$134,000 and expenses \$96,000. 35% of the Net Profit raised will be remitted to the National Office. Elnora Fitzgerald announced Israel Baptist Church purchased 40 tickets raising \$3,000 towards the Freedom Fund Dinner.
- III. The minutes from the March 13, 2008 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- IV. The NAACP centennial year will be 2009, celebrating 100 years since the NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909. Hazle Kennedy will chair the Centennial Event Planning Committee for the branch. The NAACP DC Branch is planning a series of three events for the centennial, including a symposium, dinner, and a youth activity. Lorraine Miller plans to meet with the Director of the Motion Picture Association regarding planning a film festival. She meet with the Dean of Howard University Law School regarding planning a symposium. She also recommended the branch lead a historic preservation initiative of the home of Carter G. Woodson as one of our centennial activities.
- V. The branch has created a Blue Ribbon Commission to research the closing of DCPS and the renovation of closing schools. Lorraine Miller and Rev. Shearin met with Ward 5 Councilmember Harry Thomas on April 7th Councilman Thomas regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission. The NAACP DC Branch Blue Ribbon Commission plans to review the Fannie Mae Foundation 2006 Housing in the Nation's Capital report, conduct its first meeting for April 2008, and plan a town hall meeting.
- VI. On behalf of the NAACP National Board of Directors, Lorraine Miller announced the three President/CEO candidates are Benjamin Jealous, Fred Haynes, III, and Alvin Brown. The final announcement will be made at the May National Board of Directors meeting.

VII. The NAACP DC Branch plans to develop and submit at least 4 resolutions to the National Office by May 1, 2008 to be considered by the Resolution Committee. We plan to develop resolutions regarding preserving the Carter G Woodson home, veteran issues, DC Voting Rights, and Young Adults. Resolutions are to be submitted to Joe Wynn, 3rd Vice President by April 23, 2008. The Resolutions will be reviewed at the April 24, 2008 Executive Committee Meeting to be submitted to the National Office by the May 1, 2008 deadline.

VIII. The NAACP 99th Annual Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio July 12-17, 2008. The Schedule-At-A-Glance is available on the national website www.naacp.org. We will elect delegates at the May 2008 General Body meeting.

IX. Committee Reports:

• DC Youth Council

Pe'Trina Paxton, newly elected President of the DC Youth Council requested financial assistance from the DC Branch for Executive Committee Members to attend the National Convention in Cincinnati, OH. The branch requested a cost estimate specifying the total expenses to send DCYC Executive Committee Members to the convention.

• Howard University College Chapter

Brittney Autry and Ceily Moore announced the HU NAACP New Orleans Bus Trip was successful. The students chartered a bus to New Orleans, which was a 23 hour bus ride. They stayed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for a week and students painted homes, rebuild homes, and tutored people. Elnora Fitzgerald announced Israel Baptist Church donated \$455, 20 hammers, and 300 masks. The HU students gave Thank You cards to the DC Branch and individual members that donated funds towards the trip expenses.

• DC Area Council

Akosua Tyus announced on behalf of Sable Nelson, the DCAC held its first quarterly meeting February 2, 2008 at Georgetown University.

• Young Adults

Akosua Tyus announced the current initiatives of the Young Adults Committee are 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, activating and recruiting a (WIN) Women In NAACP Committee Chair, and recruiting a WebMaster. Thursday Network has invited us to participate in Sports Jam on Saturday, May 31, 2008. This event will be a physical and mental competition for young professionals to raise funds for Thursday Networks scholarship and tutorial programs. 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 our 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. The 2008 NAACP Leadership 500 Summit will be held May 22-25, 2008 in Scottsdale, AZ. This summit is an opportunity for emerging leaders to participate in a weekend of challenging dialogue with prominent leaders. Workshops will explore issues of economic parity and wealth creation, political action, civil rights, health and wellness, early childhood education, and the status of African-American women. Roslyn Brock, Vice-Chair of the National Board, has requested that each unit send a minimum of two emerging leaders to attend the summit. Akosua Tyus and Rebecca Thompson will represent the DC Branch at the summit.

- Health
Shavon Arline distributed the Healthcare Committee report. She is planning a panel discussion with SAEM to discuss the health topics of importance to the minority population and how research can lead physicians to better emergency care. The healthcare committee plans to have month conference call meetings due to the minimal attendance at standing committee meetings. The next Health Committee meeting will be held via conference call on May 6, 2008.
- Economic Empowerment
Rebecca Thompson announced the Economic Empowerment committee plans programs and initiatives to accelerate the economic growth within the community. The Economic Empowerment Committee co-hosted a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The next Economic Empowerment Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at the United States Student Association (USSA) Conference Room.
- Political Action
Lorraine Miller announced on behalf of Eugene Kinlow, Political Action Chair the DC Branch will collaborate with units in Maryland and Virginia to conduct a Tri-State Voter Registration Drive.
- ACT-SO
Ruby Lewis, ACT-SO Chair announced the ACT-SO Competition will be 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.
- Membership Services
Elnora Fitzgerald, Membership Services Chair announced 15 memberships were processed in February 2008 and 30 memberships were processed in March 2008. Ruby Lewis agreed to help Mrs. Fitzgerald prepare the membership reports. Ruby Lewis will train Ernestine Brown on processing the Life Memberships.
- Veteran Affairs
The Veteran Affairs Committee co-hosted a Veteran United for Community Service Forum on April 5, 2008. The Veteran Affairs committee proposed leasing a bus to transport Nabvets and NAACP DC Branch members to the National Convention in Cincinnati, OH. The next Veteran Affairs committee meeting will be held on

Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 6:30pm in Citywide Conference Center, located at 441 4th Street, NW, 11th Floor, Room 1114, Washington, DC 20001.

X. The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Attendees:

Akosua Tyus
Albert Roberts
Angela Wood
Ardell Woodland
Brittney Autry
Ceily Moore
Denise Keels
E. Ned Sloan
Ernestine Brown
Gloria Jefferson – EXCUSED
Hazel Kennedy
Jack Evans
Joe Wynn
Josh Jefferson – EXCUSED
Lacy Streeter
Lacy Streeter – EXCUSED
Lorraine Miller
Louise Langley
Mustafa Ali
Paula Mack
Pe’Trina Paxton
Rebecca Thompson
Rev. Morris Shearin
Rhomda McManus
Ruby Lewis
Shavon Arline
Sheena Baskin
Theresa Johnson – EXCUSED