

MLK Dream Team
Thurs., January 26, 2017
Kennedy Branch Library

Presiding Members: WaTasha Griffin, Cherise Flowers

Members Present: WaTasha Barnes Griffin, Susan Fisher, Beth Messner, Clare Leonard (Cardinal Communications), Clara Johnson, Mary Dollison, Cornelius Dollison, Charles R. Payne, Jacey R. Foley, Marilyn Carey, Ginny Nilles, Edward McNeary, Becki Clock, Jim Flatford, Hannah Kattner, DiLynn Phelps, Rhonda Ward, Cherise Flowers, LaKeyta Brown, Yvonne Thompson.

Meeting Convened at 8:02 am

Minutes: Marilyn moved the minutes be accepted, Jenny seconded and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Report. Susan has been in touch with Linda Rent and they will get the Treasurer's records gathered up and Susan will get them up to date. Becki Clock volunteered to be the Treasurer. This will be taken up in the future.

Freedom Bus Report:

- Charles reported that the MLK Concert wanted the bus to be at Sursa Hall but parking was an issued so the bus was not there.
- Susan has started a schedule of the bus
- The bus was at the MLK, Jr. breakfast
- The bus went to Southside Middle school for the whole date. All 8th graders went through the bus. The teachers provided follow-up activities for the students and Susan said this was a great day.
- The bus is going to Burriss
- We have received raving evaluations from Southside and the Muncie P-3 Program.
- Next event, February 4 at Minnetrista Black History Kick Off.
- Charles will do a presentation at Rotary February 7.
- Will be hosted at BSU Men and Women of Color in February.
- Working with elementary schools to schedule for March and April.
- Marilyn mentioned we might check with the Muncie Children's Museum.
- The bus will be going back to the Muncie Sanitary District for repairs this spring.
- Cardinal Communications
 - o They are ready for the Silent Auction at the Black History Kick Off
 - o There will be a Dine to Dream at Scotty's Brewhouse, February 7 from 5-10 p.m. You need to show a flyer.

Black History Month

- Terry Whitt Bailey will be the MC at the kickoff event. We will also honor Al Rent at this meeting.
- Focus will be on Voting Rights
- Dr. Charles Payne and Dr. Steele will have a presentation
- The Essay Award winners will be honored, with the first place winners in each age group reading their essays.
- There will be a slide show on voting rights before the session.
- The Food Drive is ready to go with all Muncie Community Schools. The toters will be delivered to the schools January 30th and will be collected March 6.

Walk of Fame: Ed is meeting with Harvey. Harvey had requested some information and Ed sent it to him, but has not heard anything back. There probably will not be any activity until spring.

Voter Registration: LaKeyta will be the chair. We might host some voting registration café's to help to educate. We all need to share the importance of registering and voting.

Day of Prayer: No Report.

Youth Citizenship Awards & Essay Contest:

- DiLynn thanked everyone for their help and support.
- The event went very well.
- Paris McCurdy was the special speaker.

Essay Contest: Thanks to the committee that participated in the judging of the essays

Scholarship Committee: The application for the Community Collaboration Scholarship is ready to be sent to the schools. It was noted, however that the application did not give the number and the amount of the scholarships. Susan will make this change and send the final, final application to the members. Becki said she will go to the high schools in Delaware County and give the materials to the head of the Guidance Department. She will explain how the scholarship has changed and expanded, and stress that all qualified students should be encouraged to apply. There will be two scholarships awarded, one for \$1000 and one for \$500. Deadline is April 25.

New Business:

- It was suggested that some of the board members attend a school board meeting to thank them for the continued support for the MLK Dream Team and the bus. They meet at the President's room at the Muncie Area Career Center. Susan will attend February 28. Other upcoming meeting dates are: March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 20. They meet at 6:30 p.m. It was also suggested we might send a letter of appreciation to the board.
- Rhonda Ward is joining the board and will chair the Citizenship Award Committee.

Announcements by Members:

- There will be a reception at Carnegie Library, today, from 4-6 p.m. for the new director, Akilah Nosakhere.

Adjourned at 9:08 am

Respectfully Submitted by

Becki Clock, Secretary

Next Meeting: February 23 at 8 a.m. at Kennedy Library.