



MLK Dream Team
Thursday, March 23, 2017
Kennedy Library

Presiding: Cherise Flowers, Co-Chair

Members Present: Cherise Flowers, Kay Walker, Ed McNeary, Marilyn Carey, Seth Davidson, Beth Messner, Yvonne Thompson, Terry Whitt Bailey, and Susan Fisher.

Guests: Claire Leonard, Cardinal Communications and Harvey Wright, City of Muncie, Parks Superintendent.

Meeting Called to Order at 8:09 am with a moment of silence.

Walk of Fame: Ed welcomed Harvey Wright. Harvey reported that one plaque is ready to go. The two additional plaques are scheduled to be embossed soon. There have been ongoing issues with finding a supplier who will produce a small number and whose product looks similar enough to the previously installed plaques. Ed would like the MLKDT to hold an event very much like the original project unveiling event once the new plaques have been installed. Harvey also reported that the walkway remains very popular and well-used. The group thanked Harvey for his time and efforts on the project.

Minutes: Beth moved to approve, Kay seconded. Motion passes and minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Report. Susan shared an update that Becki Clock and WaTasha Barnes-Griffin were added as signatories for the MLKDT account at Mutual Bank. The bank statements will now be mailed to the MLKDT post office box. Becki is working on the financials and will share a report at the April meeting.

Freedom Bus:

- Claire reported that one Silent Auction item was not claimed or paid for—a gift certificate for a class at Cornerstone. Kay stepped up and purchased the item for the bid price of \$20.
- Next Dine for the Dream event will be April 18 from 4-8 pm at Panera Bread. A printed flyer must be presented for MLKDT to earn the donation. Beth will send out the flyer prior to the event. Kay suggested that Cardinal Communications look into an Arby's fundraiser. No flyer is needed. When Hearts and Hands participated, they earned more than \$400. Clair said she will organize an Arby's event for the fall.
- Susan reported back-to-back Freedom Bus events with good attendance and curious and enthusiastic students and teachers.
- March 16 at Shafer Chapel for Eva Zygmunt's MP3 group.
- March 17 at Huffer Child Care Center for afterschool groups.
- Charles Payne and Saud Alzahrani, (BSU PR Intern) helped host the bus at both events.

Black History Month: Seth reported that the Food Drive was very successful. He requested that someone volunteer as co-chair so that at least one other member is trained and familiar with the process. Kay volunteered to serve as his co-chair for the Food Drive Committee.

Voter Registration: No report.

Day of Prayer: Yvonne reported that Day of Prayer activities will be held Thursday, May 4 at 11:30 am until 1 pm at Muncie City Hall. Dr. George Wolfe, from BSU, will assist in the planning and the event.

Youth Citizenship Awards & Essay Contest: No report.

Scholarship Committee: No report.

Old Business: MLKDT is still in need of a volunteer to fill the Office of Secretary. Any interested member should contact WaTasha or Cherise. Susan reported that she is working with eKeeper to access the MLKDT website hosted on Yahoo domain to establish new administrators for it. Susan has spoken with Linda Rent. The website is still being billed automatically to the credit card set up by Al Rent. MLKDT will need to find out what we owe to Linda and issue a check.

New Business: Ed shared that the Hate Crimes Bill did not go through. He urged everyone to write to their representatives to encourage a Hate Crimes Bill be approved in the next legislative session.

Website Collection: \$7 collected. Susan will get the money to Becki Clock for deposit.

Adjourned at 8:47 am

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Fisher, Volunteer Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27 at 8am at Kennedy Library.