December 4th, 2019
GENERAL MEETING
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH, NAACP

Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield Massachusetts

Attendees
See Addendum

AGENDA:

1. Meeting Called to Order 6:12 pm
   a. Leah Reed called the meeting to order.
2. Opening Silence
3. Review of Treasurer’s Report
   a. Merle Ferber made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Report.
   b. Al Blake seconded.
   c. Approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   a. Merle Ferber made a motion to approve last meeting minutes.
   b. Tommie Hutto-Blake second.
   c. Approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

1. Finance & Freedom Fund - Will Singleton
   a. Freedom Fund was a success.
   b. Only about $500 short of $10k goal for student aid.
   c. Debrief meeting on Saturday December 7th.
2. Face Book - Leah Reed
   a. Increase of page views by 3k during Freedom Fund period.
   b. Posted Freedom Fund pictures online.
3. Education Committee – Will Singleton & Hugh Guilderson
   a. Committee will reach out to different School Committees in the county.
   b. Work with the Pittsfield Public School System on emotional intelligence training.
   c. Met with the North Adams School system on programs.
   d. Will work on integrated black history in schools. Dr. Snead training teachers.
   e. A meeting at Monument Valley Middle School will be held on January 24th to discuss anti-Semitic incident at the school.
4. PR Media - Megan Whilden
   a. Not present.
5. Membership & Life Membership - Chad Robertson
a. Dennis Powell and Chad Robertson will meet with BSU at Simons Rock and Society of the Griffins at Williams College on forming a Youth Units.
b. Will form a membership committee in 2020 to increase Branch membership.

6. **Race Relations** - Shirley Edgerton & Joel Priest
   a. Chairs not present.

7. **Economic & Environmental Justice** - Al Blake, Chad Roberson
   a. Bill Mc Kebbin will be speaking at MCLA on December 5th
   b. Climate action events in the county on December 6th
   c. Discussion of ways to promote climate justice events to the Branch.

8. **Social Justice Action Committee** - Drew Herzig & Rebecca Thomson
      i. Only two genders are listed
      ii. Same sex relationships are listed
      iii. Still looking for census takers.
   b. Committee will host No Visible Bruises book read.

9. **Redress Committee** - Christina Daignault & Doug Mishkin
   a. Not present.

**BUSINESS:**

10. **NAACP & Williams College Strategic Planning**
    a. Presentation submitted.
    b. Discussion on how Williams College can interact better with the broader community.

11. **Living Legacy Project – Barbara Dean**
    a. Barbara Dean gave an update on her trip with the Living Legacy Project

12. **BSU/Simon’s Rock**
    a. Dennis Powell to give an update on the Simon’s Rock at next Branch meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

13. **Kwanza Event – Sat Dec, 28th**

14. **Tony Gibson (of the Black 14)**
    a. University of Wyoming are looking to give scholarships to students of color.
    b. Tony has information to give to students.

15. **Drew Herzig discussed the Business Against Bigotry Campaign**
    a. January 8th Branch meeting will discuss he initiative
    b. People of color will have an opportunity to give feedback on how to make businesses more welcoming to people of color.

**ADJOURNMENT**

16. Adjournment 8:13pm
a. Merle Ferber made a motion to adjourn.
b. Tommie Hutto-Blake seconded.
c. Meeting adjourned.