

May 6, 2020
GENERAL MEETING
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH, NAACP

Zoom

Attendees

See Addendum

AGENDA:

- 1. Meeting Called to Order 6:0 pm**
 - a. Meeting participants were informed the meeting is being recorded.
 - b. President Dennis Powell entered the meeting at 6: pm as he was at a community event.
 - c. Prior to the meeting President Dennis Powell asked Chad Robertson to conduct the meeting until his arrival.
- 2. Opening Silence**
- 3. Review of Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Treasurer's Report will be updated for the May Executive Committee meeting and accepted at the June Branch meeting.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. April meetings minutes distributed to members and disused.
 - b. made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
 - c. seconded.
 - d. Approved.

Presentation:

Alex Morse, Mayor of Holyoke, candidate for the 1st Massachusetts Congressional seat.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- 1. Finance & Freedom Fund** - Will Singleton
 - a. Freedom Fund planning on hold until September.
- 2. Face Book** - Leah Reed
 - a. Present.
- 3. Education Committee** – Will Singleton & Hugh Guilderson
 - a. Committee meeting April 13th 6pm
- 4. PR Media**- Megan Whilden
 - a. Not present.
- 5. Membership & Life Membership** - Chad Robertson
 - a. Moving to a national membership platform.
 - b. Chad Robertson to have a meeting with membership at National April 8th.

- c. Will create a membership reconciliation process with National.
 - d. Branch election schedule will be distributed.
- 6. **Race Relations** - Shirley Edgerton & Joel Priest
 - a. Respected
- 7. **Environmental Justice** - Al Blake, Raei Bridges
 - a. Raei Bridges
- 8. **Social Justice Action Committee** - Drew Herzig & Rebecca Thomson
 - a. Nothing to report.
- 9. **Economic Development/Justice** - John Lewis
 - a. Chair not present.
- 10. **Youth Sessions/R.O.P.E.** – Jerome Edgerton & Ari Zorn
 - a. Chairs had to leave meeting to go to work.
- 11. **Redress Committee** - Christina Daignault & Doug Mishkin
 - a. High level update of committee work was given without giving details that would reveal

NEW BUSINESS:

- 12. **Fourth of July Parade**
 - a. Fourth of July parade maybe cancelled.
- 13. **Gather-In 2020**
 - a. Waiting to see how response to pandemic unfolds before beginning planning.
- 14. **COVID-19 pandemic-**
 - a. Branch has been disseminating resource information.
 - b. Executive Committee working on a strategic response. Current action items listed at the end of this document.

ADJOURNMENT

- 15. **Adjournment 8:36 pm**
 - a. made a motion to adjourn.
 - b. seconded.
 - c. Adjourned