May 6, 2020
GENERAL MEETING
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH, NAACP

Zoom

Attendees
See Addendum

AGENDA:

1. Meeting Called to Order 6:00 pm
   a. Meeting participants were informed the meeting is being recorded.
   b. President Dennis Powell entered the meeting at 6:00 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.

   a. Chair not present.

    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