

August 1, 2020
GENERAL MEETING
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH, NAACP

Zoom

Attendees

Attendance recorded with Zoom registration.

AGENDA:

- 1. Meeting Called to Order 6:03 pm**
- 2. Opening Silence**
- 3. Review of Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Erica Mielke gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report.
 - b. Merle Ferber made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
 - c. Chad Robertson seconded.
 - d. Approved.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. The June and July Branch meeting minutes are not completed and will be approved at the next Branch meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- 1. Face Book - Leah Reed**
 - a. Chair not present.
- 2. Website – Rebecca Thompson**
 - a. Rebecca Thompson provided an update of improvements made and coming to the website.
- 3. Membership & Life Membership - Chad Robertson**
 - a. A membership survey has been sent out for people who want to be members of committees.
- 4. Health – Brooke Bridges**
 - a. Report submitted.
- 5. Environment & Climate Justice - Al Blake, Raei Bridges**
 - a. An overview of current pieces of legislation being worked on in Boston.
- 6. Race Relations - Shirley Edgerton & Joel Priest**
 - a. White Ally Training to be made later in the meeting.
- 7. Community Coordination – Dubois Thomas**
 - a. Overview of projects being worked on.
- 8. Economic Development/Justice - John Lewis**

- a. Survey being worked on for the needs of Black owned businesses.
 - b. Idea Jam Report being worked on.
 - c. Black Economic Council of the Berkshires website being developed.
9. **Redress Committee** - Christina Daignault & Doug Mishkin
- a. High level update of committee work was given without giving details that would reveal the names of community members.
 - b. Been fielding a lot of complaints involving employment discrimination.
 - c. Met with the new Police Chief of Adams.
 - d. Mayor Bernard being supportive of BLM activity in North Adams.

PRESENTATION:

White Ally Training – presented by the Race Relations Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment 8:09 pm

- a. Merle Ferber made a motion to adjourn.
- b. Arlene Tolopko seconded.
- c. Adjourned