

June 3, 2020
GENERAL MEETING
BERKSHIRE COUNTY BRANCH, NAACP

Zoom

Attendees

Attendance recorded with Zoom registration.

Before the meeting the Executive Committee convened a meeting to vote on signing a lease agreement at Tyler Street Lab. The offer was for a \$250 a month lease.

Will Singleton made a motion to not accept the offer. John Lewis seconded. Motion passed and the Branch will not enter into that particular lease agreement with Tyler Street Lab.

AGENDA:

- 1. Meeting Called to Order 6:06 pm**
- 2. Opening Silence**
- 3. Review of Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Erica Mielke gave an overview of the current budget.
 - b. Overview of the financial assistance stipend process.
 - c. Treasurer's Report will be updated for the May Executive Committee meeting and accepted at the June Branch meeting.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. May meetings minutes distributed to members and disused.
 - b. Leah Reed made a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
 - c. Al Blake seconded.
 - d. Approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- 1. Finance & Freedom Fund - Will Singleton**
 - a. The Freedom Fund won't happen in person.
 - b. Will gave an overview of the freedom fund
- 2. Face Book - Leah Reed**
 - a. Update on the status of the Facebook page and overview of how Branch social media works.
- 3. Education Committee – Will Singleton & Hugh Guilderson**
 - a. Hugh Guilderson gave an overview of the workings of the Education Committee.
- 4. PR Media- Megan Whilden**
 - a. Chair has resigned.
- 5. Membership & Life Membership - Chad Robertson**

- a. Gave an overview of the membership onboarding process.
- 6. **Health** – Brooke Bridges
 - a. Brooke Bridges gave an overview of social/emotional programming she is working on in the community.
- 7. **Race Relations** - Shirley Edgerton & Joel Priest
 - a. Joel Priest and Shirley Edgerton gave an overview of the workings of the Race Relations Committee.
- 8. **Community Coordination** – Dubois Thomas
 - a. Dubois Thomas gave an overview of the work of the Community Coordination Committee.
- 9. **Environment & Climate Justice** - Al Blake, Raei Bridges
 - a. Al Blake and Raei Bridges gave an overview of the projects being worked on by the Environmental & Climate Justice Committee.
- 10. **Social Justice Action Committee** - Drew Herzig & Rebecca Thomson
 - a. Chairs not present.
- 11. **Youth Sessions/R.O.P.E.** – Jerome Edgerton & Ari Zorn
 - a. Chairs had to leave meeting to go to work.
- 12. **Economic Development/Justice** - John Lewis
 - a. John Lewis gave an overview of the work of the Economic Development/Justice Committee and the work of the Black Economic Council of the Berkshires.
- 13. **Redress Committee** - Christina Daignault & Doug Mishkin
 - a. Christina Daignault and Doug Mishkin gave an overview of the work of the Redress Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14. **SHS Project 'Trumpet'**
- 15. **NAACP National list of demands/policy changes**
- 16. **Potential Antifa infiltration into small towns.**
- 17. **2020 Gather-In**
- 18. **Call to Action in South County**
- 19. **Open discussion on the murder of George Floyd – what actions to take.**

ADJOURNMENT

- 20. **Adjournment 8:36 pm**
 - a. Shirley Edgerton made a motion to adjourn.
 - b. Helen Moon seconded.
 - c. Adjourned