

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
2922 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, BUILDING A- ACTIVITY ROOM
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 - 6:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters
Mr. Nathan Rogers
Ms. Venester Haywood
Ms. Candace E. Wicks
Ms. Johnnie Goins
Ms. Elaine Sacks
Rev. Donna Slater
Mr. John Paul Lewis
Ms. Dianne Gibson

ABSENT

Mr. Michael Lugo
Mr. Kevin Malonson
Ms. Jearldine McDaniel
Mr. Stephen G. Foster
Mrs. Karissa N. Madison
VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

Pamela Jones, Center Manager
LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II
Natashia Cooper, Coordinator

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CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:39PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Mr. Lewis. Dr. Waters also welcomed new board member Ms. Dianne Gibson to the MLK Advisory Board.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was completed and the sign-in sheet will serve as notice of roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Rogers made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion. The board approved.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Cinco de Mayo

Ms. Jones reported that the center partnered with the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. The event had a good turnout about 175 people in attendance. The event took place on Thursday, May 5, 2016 10:00am-12:00pm. The event was well received by all that attended.

B. MLK Multicultural Affair

Ms. Jones reported that the venue has changed for the event; we will now be at the Frontiers of Flight Museum. They are happy for us to be there and have partnered with us in making this event a lasting memory. By changing the venue we have saved the city \$20,000.00. So,

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this is certainly a great move. The event is still taking place on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 8pm-12am.

C. Juneteenth Celebration

Rev. Slater reported that we are working on a title sponsor for the event. Currently working with DART to see if they would be a sponsor, we will continue to work to make this a great event. We are still watching the weather to determine if the event will take place outdoors as normal or if it will be in doors. We want to make sure that as we are promoting this event that we let people know this is the official event for the City of Dallas.

D. 40th Anniversary Statue

Ms. Wicks reported and presented the program for the Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 12:00pm. During this event we are looking to honor those that worked to have the statue installed. We are working on a new keynote speaker; the speaker originally scheduled has a conflict in his schedule. This event is still a work in progress but looking for a great turnout of support from the community of this weekend celebration. New Hope Baptist Church will host a Sunday Morning Service July 10, 2016 at 10:45am asking all board and staff members to attend.

E. Back to School

Ms. Jones reported that this event will take place on Friday, August 19, 2016 in the MLK Gym from 11:30a-2p. We will be collaborating with the Single Parent Advocate group and they are already receiving donations for the event. We will also be starting a gofundme page to raise funds for Back to School. We will still have vendors at no charge but they are required to pass out supplies from their booths to the students. We still need a chair for this event, and Ms. Sacks volunteered to take that position. Our goal is to serve 1,000 students of the DFW Metroplex.

F. Hispanic Heritage

Ms. Jones reported that this event will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the MLK Center. We will be collaborating with the West Dallas Multipurpose Center with this event. We are awaiting confirmation if Mr. Lugo will be chairing this event.

G. Harambee Festival

Ms. Jones reported that the event will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016. That the Harambee Committee has been meeting and coming up with great ideas to get the event funded. We are in need of a chair to work with the community chair Willie Minor. Ms. Gibson volunteered for this position.

H. 35th Annual MLK Celebration

Mr. Rogers reported that we have heard from two (2) of the speakers requested and they are available. We have three (3) bids for hotels Anatole, Fairmont and Sheraton. At this time no further answers surrounding the 2017 parade and the final closure has not taken place for the 2016 MLK Parade.

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AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported at this time there are no further actions to report.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Ms. Haywood reported on behalf of chair Mr. Stephen Foster that he will be meeting with Congresswoman Johnson on May 16, 2016. The suggestions that are on the table as a remembrance are street name, something at Lincoln High School will need to get Councilwoman Young involved, and speak with the Kappas for support of remembering Dr. Chambers. This group is still a work in progress.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the April 2016 and also reported that the Housing department briefing is set for Monday, June 6, 2016.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

NA

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters reported about the Tour of South Dallas that took place on May 9, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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