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THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
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 BOARD MEETING
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017 - 6:30PM

CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXASMINUTESPRESENT

Dr. Michael W. Waters
 Ms. Candice E. Wicks
 Mr. Nathan Rogers
 Ms. Johnnie Goins
 Mr. Stephen G. Foster
 Rev. Donna Slater
 Mr. John Paul Lewis
 Mrs. Karissa N. Madison
 Ms. Elaine Sacks
 Mr. Kevin Malonson
 Ms. Dianne Gibson
 Ms. Venester J. Haywood

ABSENTVACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

Pamela R. Jones, Center Manager
 LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 6:37PM by Dr. Michael W. Waters who welcomed everyone to the meeting. The invocation was completed by Ms. Gibson.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. MLK Dallas Toastmasters

Ms. Jones reported that the MLK Dallas Toastmaster Club is still taking members and going well. The club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm-7:30pm.

B. 35th Annual MLK Celebration

Ms. Jones reported that the event went really well for our first time at the Fairmont Hotel. We have received very good feedback from those in attendance. This was another record breaking year with an increase in attendance and sponsors. We will continue to work on

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timing for transitioning the program forward, we knew the time would be long because this was a milestone year but will make sure that the timing is efficient. We truly believe that the timing affected the attendance of the Afterglow event. Ms. Gibson suggested that the board chair is earlier on the program for the coming year. The parade, under City of Dallas leadership, received no reported disruptions during the parade or after; started on time and ended within the require permit time. The Celebration Fair and the Candle Lighting Ceremony received increased attendance this year as well. This was a very successful year.

C. Black History Month

Ms. Jones reported that we will have the program on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:30am in the MLK Recreation Center. Our program panelists are ready, the questions are ready, the lunch is ready, and all we need now is you and others to attend to truly make this event successful.

D. AIDS Walk South Dallas

Ms. Jones reported that this is a partnership with the community group and it will be there second year having it at the center. This event will take place here on our campus Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8:00am with the walk starting at 10:00am. There will be various health and community vendors available, and the event is open to everyone attending.

E. Remembrance Service

Ms. Jones reported that this year the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter that partners with us for the Candle Lighting Ceremony has stated that they would like to partner with us for this event. We will be meeting with the president in March to discuss details. The event is a remembrance of the day that Dr. King was assassinated, and time of reflection on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Ms. Gibson also suggested Ms. Diane Ragsdale as a keynote speaker for the event.

F. Easter Egg Hunt

Ms. Jones reported that we will have our center Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 14, 2017. This is an opportunity for the entire campus to interact with the children on campus. This year the ChildCare Group will be making the day more of a festival with lunch and crafts on the grassy area of the center.

G. Volunteer Appreciation Day

Ms. Jones reported that this event will take place on Thursday, April 20, 2017. We will provide lunch, a certificate of appreciation, and a small token of appreciation. We will have everything set up in the Social Services area in room 135. The board also requested that a letter be added to the volunteers from the board chair.

H. MLK Open House

Ms. Jones reported that this will be a first that we will have on campus. This event is to say thank you to our current sponsors and invite potential sponsors and donors out to visit the campus. We ask, year after year, for assistance in carrying out the cultural events and social service needs that we have each year. So, this is an opportunity for the sponsors and donors

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to come and tour the campus and see how they are helping the center help those in need and those looking to experience the different cultural events. The Open House will take place on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. All buildings and tenants will be open and present on that night.

DR. JERRY CHAMBERS REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Foster reported that the event is set for March 17, 2017 and it will be in the form of a scholarship. At this time there are confirmed financial donors and sponsors for the scholarship. The scholarship is set to be an annual scholarship. The committee is still seeking authorization for the use of Dr. Chambers name in association of the scholarship. If that authorization is not given it will be named and partnered with the MLK Jr. Community Center. Ms. Sacks made a motion that the scholarship be officially added to the MLK Essay Contest for the High School recipient. Ms. Haywood second the motion and the board approved.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Haywood reported no new business at this time.

CENTER MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Jones presented the December 2016 and January 2017 center manager's report. The Political Activities notice was also presented to all board members. This memo sets the policies and regulations regarding City Councilmembers, City Officials, City Employees, and Citizens involvement in the May 6, 2017 election. Please review and act accordingly.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS/COMMENTS

NA

BOARD CHAIR UPDATES

Dr. Waters requested that the events be added to the back of the Center Manager's report going forward in order for the board to keep up and plan involvement accordingly. It is also requested that the board be provided with the most current information for the 501c3 MLK Dallas Dream Forward. Dr. Water is also requesting that all board members think over which events they would like to chair and be ready to sign up at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Waters adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm. Ms. Goins made the motion and Ms. Gibson seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approved.

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